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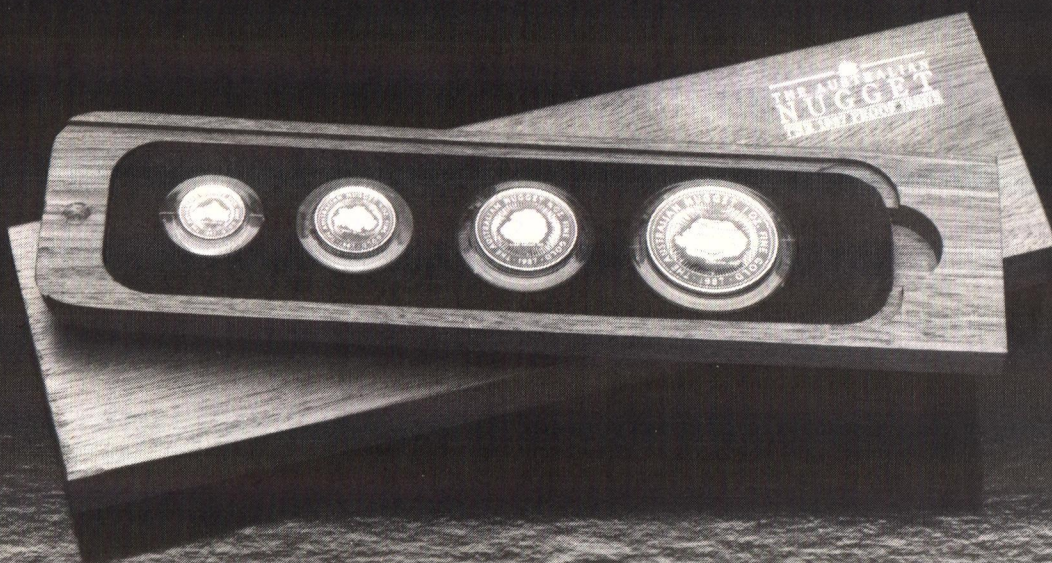


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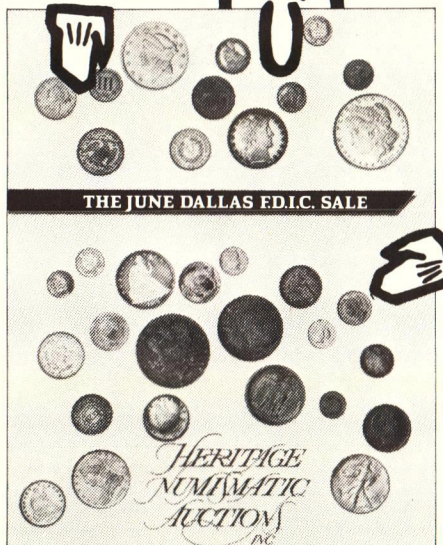
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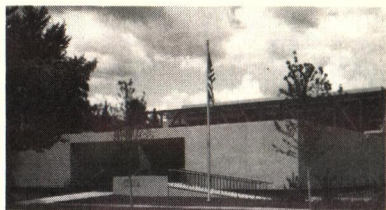
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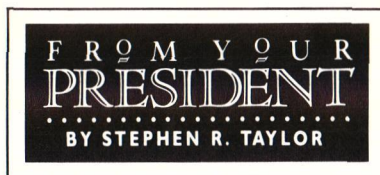
National Coin Week is scheduled for April 17-23, and by getting involved you will carry on a tradition that started back in 1924. I hope your NCW activities will include appropriate exhibits in prominent locations, such as libraries, banks and schools. In the past, my own club has set up a weekend display in a local shopping center. Some regional organizations (and even local clubs) have convinced the Governors of their states to issue official NCW proclamations.

To those ANA members who notify us of their involvement in National Coin Week, we will present a special NCW participation medal. Also available are certificates of appreciation, which you can award to individuals who helped you, such as your local librarian, bank official, etc.

National Coin Week is a great time to gain some free publicity for your club and sign up a few new members. How about recruiting some new members for our ANA, too? If you do, you'll receive a beautiful \$2 "Collector Currency" note for your efforts (one for each member you propose), and the person you sponsor will receive a \$1 note. Both are nice collectibles and are redeemable for ANA goods and services.

What Can We Do for Our YNs?

In past columns I have encouraged members to send me their comments



and suggestions about our ANA; however, I am somewhat disappointed that I have not received any letters from our Young Numismatists about how we can improve YN programs. Apparently, young collectors do have some ideas about this area, as I recently heard that one junior member was going to start a new club for YNs because the ANA wasn't doing anything for them.

Give us your thoughts about what our ANA can do for the collectors of tomorrow! I assure you that the YN committee, ANA staff and Board of Governors are interested in your ideas and suggestions. We have a good base of junior members who not only are good numismatists, but also are excellent students and community leaders. Now is the time to build this base into a vibrant group that has a voice in our ANA.

This year is going to be an exciting one for collectors, both young and old. Take an active part and get involved.

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Have you circled the week of June 26 through July 2 on your calendar? During these seven days, our ANA will hold its 20th Annual Summer Seminar

in Colorado Springs. Almost 200 students from all over the country are expected to attend this year.

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I frequently hear clubs lament that they are losing members. So often this loss is attributed to dull, boring meetings that discourage prospective members. Every organization must contend with uninteresting business and board meetings, but perhaps these can be conducted by club officers at a time other than during the regularly scheduled meetings for the general membership. I mention this because I have attended a number of coin club meetings, both as a speaker and as a spectator, and sometimes come away feeling like I've wasted an evening.

I am looking forward to attending this year's Summer Seminar, where I'll help direct our Young Numismatists through a fun-filled week of education and fellowship. A number of Summer Seminar scholarships are available to YNs between the ages of 11 and 17—simply write to me for an application. If you've never been to Colorado Springs for this annual event, I guarantee it's a week you'll long remember. •



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Bowers Begins Work on ANA Centennial History

I am currently compiling 100 years of ANA history for a reference that will be published to coincide with the Association's centennial in 1991. A little-known fact is that from the inception of the American Numismatic Association in 1891 until *The Numismatist* was designated as the ANA's official journal on October 1, 1892, *Plain Talk* was the official publication of our organization.

To date, I have not been able to find even a single copy of *Plain Talk*, which was published by Charles A. Tatman of Worcester, Massachusetts, in the

early 1890s. In addition, I am seeking early correspondence, photographs and other ANA memorabilia that has not appeared in *The Numismatist*, particularly items from the first 50 years of our existence, 1891 to 1941.

If anyone can help, please contact me. All materials will be carefully handled, quickly returned, and acknowledged in the book.

Q. David Bowers, LM 336
Box 1224
Wolfeboro, NH 03894

Readers Comment on Magazine Redesign

I like the new format of *The Numismatist*. To be honest, when I first heard of the change in size and format, I was skeptical, as I felt that the change in uniformity would detract from the ap-

pearance of complete sets. However, as you had the foresight to wait until the first issue of volume 101, I now feel that the new size offers a sense of celebration to a hobby publication enduring into its second century.

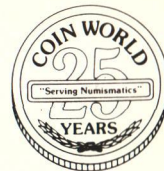
I also like the practice of spreading the editorial content throughout the magazine. It forces one to use the publication from cover to cover, and that is good.

Cal Wilson, LM 2828

I would like to congratulate the staff of *The Numismatist* on the recent improvements in the magazine. *The Numismatist* is one of the greatest benefits of my ANA membership.

The thing I like best about the two issues of 1988 is that they are not too scholarly. I also like the fact that many of the articles pertain to United States

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David Johnson, ANA 128744

Just a note to say how much I enjoy the new format of *The Numismatist*. I was beginning to wonder if you were going to change—you did, and for the better.

Marc O. Dixon, ANA 113897

I would like to say “well done” in producing *The Numismatist* with a new look. Frankly, I have always thought the magazine was and is outstanding. The recent issues indicate that the future is well taken care of and, as always, sure to be interesting. The articles are informative, the layout im-

pressive, and the size of the publication makes everything easier to read. I especially enjoy the “Letters” column. This type of membership contact is not only informative, but also can be controversial, which in turn means greater reader involvement. I do hope this section can be expanded.

I am sure you will receive adverse comments from those who object to change, and that is understandable. But, the idea of any publication is to make it better, and, in my opinion, the staff of *The Numismatist* deserves a very loud “thank you” for a job that must have been time-consuming and difficult.

I have always enjoyed reading the advertisements and wonder if others see them as I do. For example, “Nobody Pays You More” surely made the competition think of placing an ad with

the lead-in, “I am ‘Nobody.’” The banner “Call a Rare Kind of Dealer” immediately called to mind comparisons between “rare” and “scarce.”

Two ads on opposite pages both started with “Paying Top Prices”—obviously, someone is exaggerating! But the ad that tops them all is the one with the sub-heading “Paying Ridiculous Prices.” No comment needed there.


In closing, I’d like to cast my affirmative vote for what you have done. May the next 100 years be heralded by an ever-improving ANA.

Lee Martin, ANA 56451

The larger format of *The Numismatist* has brought about these situations for me. First, I am unable to fit it in my suit pocket unless it is bent, and

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then my pocket looks like it is pregnant. Also, when I put it on top of the old issues of *The Numismatist*, it appears like a roof over a building. All the former alignment is gone and is quite disruptive. Though the pages are larger, the wind turns them over just as easily as when they were smaller.

Harry Fischer, ANA 30455

I received a copy of *The Numismatist* in its new format and like it very much, but many features of the previous magazine should have been retained. In particular, keeping the advertising in the back portion and general information in the front is the way to go. Don't cater to the whims of the advertisers!

George McCullough, ANA 74866

I don't do this very often, but I am writing to commend and highly praise the staff for the new format and changes in *The Numismatist*. Being a life member of the ANA for quite some time, I must admit that I had become bored with reading our old-style magazine. Thanks to a lot of positive changes, I can say I am back and very interested in reading and exploring the "new" *Numismatist*. Please keep up the excellent work!

Christopher M. Terry, LM 2635

While I can see that the new page size of *The Numismatist* may have helped your layout problems, it really is the most awkward to handle of any journal I receive. The paper is too limp for the width of the page and the whole thing flops around and is un-

wieldy. By the time I receive it, the magazine has as many ripples on the edge as there are waves in the surf. This makes it more difficult to separate the flimsy pages.

Mrs. Jimmie R. Picquet, ANA 92724

Love Token Research Under Way

The executive board of the Love Token Society has agreed to research the history of love tokens for the purpose of publishing a reference guide. Love tokens have been known as far back as the 17th century, but practically nothing has been printed about the subject. Each love token is a unique piece and has a "mintage" of one.

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Lloyd L. Entenmann, LM 854
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Member Seeks Fellow "Old-Timers"

I would like to form a little club comprised of ANA "old-timers" with membership numbers below 12553. Interested readers are invited to contact me at the address below.

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Welz Query Draws Personal Observations

Paul C. Welz, in his letter to the editor in the January 1988 issue ("Reader Questions Absence of Women in the Hobby," p. 17), wondered why more women aren't involved in coin collecting. I asked my wife for an answer to this question, and she laughingly replied, "Women would rather spend money than buy money."

Jack M. Burch, ANA 38752

I am a woman active in numismatics since childhood and would like to respond to Paul C. Welz, who questioned why few women are involved in the hobby.

A man I once dated thought that while boys become involved in hobbies (stamps, coins, music or whatever),

girls seem to be more concerned with social involvement. This may be why fewer women become involved in traditionally male pursuits.

However, there is a more negative side to this observation. I have been snubbed and laughed at by dealers who could not believe that a woman would know anything about coins. Some dealers have refused to sell me a particular coin because they weren't sure I really wanted it or because it was "too good and too rare" for me.

On another occasion, I phoned a dealer to discuss an interesting coin he offered for sale. We spoke of the coin for less than a minute, then he began to ask me questions about my looks and personal life.

I enjoy the hobby of numismatics very much and plan to continue my involvement for many years. There are



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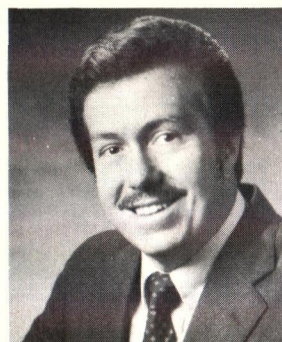
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many prominent women in this hobby, and I hope to see more who are not put off by experiences similar to my own.

Ginger Rapsus, ANA 86616

Farewell to an Old Friend

I was saddened to read of the death of Glenn Smedley. As one who became acquainted with Glenn more than 30 years ago, when we both lived in Chicago, I knew Glenn to be a serious collector of the highest integrity, who had little patience for the puffery and foibles of collecting.

He was not one to compromise his ideals of what numismatics should be, and I suspect that doomed his chance of ever becoming president of the ANA. Glenn did serve the ANA in other ways, but his not having attained the highest position was, in my opin-

ion, a great loss to the Association.

Glenn, we'll miss not only you, but also that red cap of yours at ANA conventions. I hope it eventually may be displayed alongside your portrait in the ANA's Numismatic Hall of Fame.

Arlie Slabaugh, ANA 8621

It is always sad to read of the passing of another long-time numismatist. Glenn Smedley has left an indelible mark on the hobby.

I first met Glenn at the 1967 ANA convention in San Diego. At each convention thereafter we conversed on a wide range of subjects. As an instructor at ANA Summer Seminars in 1975, 1976 and 1977, I grew especially close to Glenn as we researched some esoteric topics in the ANA library and talked well into the night in the dormitory.

As many others who gave so much to numismatics, Glenn will leave a great void. So long, old friend.

Sol Taylor, LM 805

Vintage Dues Receipt Pictures Hungarian Note

Readers might be interested to learn that the "ornate souvenir dues receipt" presented to Mr. Lighthouse in 1906 and shown on page 3 of the January 1988 issue of *The Numismatist* is a Hungarian 5-forint note signed in the lower right corner by Kossuth Lajos (Louis), who was the political leader of the 1848-49 Hungarian revolution against the Austrians. In the end, the Austrians called for help from Russia, which defeated the insurrectionary army.

Later, Kossuth came to the United States, where he was feted as a free-

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dom-fighter. He raised funds to continue the struggle against Austria, but never returned to Hungary.

Francis B. Bessenyei, ANA 79617

Manuscript Review May Eliminate Errors

I would like to comment on the letter written by Alan Walker ("More Care Urged in Preparation of Articles on Ancient Coins," February 1988, pp. 207-08). Mr. Walker makes a valid point—I also am concerned about the quality of numismatic writing.

I would like to suggest that numismatic publications adopt the procedure used by all credible scientific publications, which requires that all manuscripts be reviewed by several well-known and respected authorities in the particular field of interest. Proper re-

view before publication would ensure circumvention of most errors.

Dr. Richard D. Montrey, ANA 79508

Editor's note: Our thanks to Dr. Montrey for suggesting a simple solution to a disconcerting problem. *The Numismatist* has at its disposal a staff of numismatic authorities at ANA headquarters, although we do not take advantage of their expertise as often as we probably should. On occasion we also utilize experts outside the ANA.

February Issue Prompts Poetic Contribution

I've just received (and enjoyed) the February issue of *The Numismatist*, and I like its new format and front cover. I even tried to fold some \$1 bills to copy the kaleidoscopic art of Hai Knaflo, but with very little success thus far

(see "Folding Money," pp. 254-60).

Anyhow, I thought *The Numismatist* could use a little light poetry. The following popped out of my head:

Coins, we are told,
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Reginald A. Bisson, ANA 37355

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ISLE OF MAN: 1988 Circulation Coins Bear New Reverses

For its 1988 circulating coinage, the Isle of Man has introduced entirely new reverse designs that reflect various aspects of modern life on the island. Representing light industry, a 1-pence coin features a lathe superimposed on a cogwheel. Arts and crafts—pottery making, hand-knitting, weaving, yarn production and woodcarving—are recognized on a 2 pence. The island's roles as a center of tourism and finance are symbolized on 5- and 10-pence coins, respectively. Agriculture is denoted on a 20 pence by a harvester and ears of wheat; and a microcomputer, typifying the island's fast-growing high-tech industry, is depicted on a 50 pence.

Highlighting the island's modern telecommunications system, a cordless telephone, communications satellite and parabolic reflector are depicted on a £1 piece. A half century of Manx aviation is celebrated on a £2 coin, which shows a turboprop airliner. The fishing industry, mainstay of the Isle of Man's economy, is honored on a £5 coin.

Produced by the Pobjoy Mint, the 1 and 2 pence are struck in bronze; the 5, 10 and 50 pence in a .75 copper/.25 nickel alloy; the 20 pence in an .84 copper/.16 nickel alloy; and virenium, a gold-colored alloy, is used for the £1, £2 and £5 coins. In an effort to make the island's coinage inscrip-



The inscription **ELLAN VANNIN**, the Manx Gaelic name for the Isle of Man, has been added to the island's 1988 circulating coinage.

tions bilingual, the Manx Gaelic name for the island, "Ellan Vannin," appears in monastic uncial script on each reverse. The common obverse shows the Raphael Maklouf portrait of Queen Elizabeth II.

Ten-piece sets of 1988 Isle of Man circulating coinage, comprising one coin of each denomination plus a medal depicting the Pobjoy Mint coat-of-arms, are available. Further information can be obtained by writing to Pobjoy Mint, Ltd., Mint House, Sutton, Surrey SM1 2NW, England.

CANADA:

Silver \$1 Marks Birth of Canadian Metals Industry

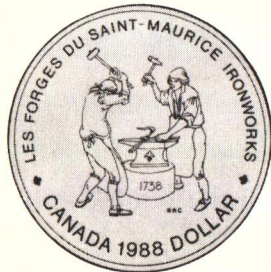
The Royal Canadian Mint has announced the theme and design of its 1988 commemorative silver dollar, latest in a series begun in 1935. This year's coin marks the 250th anniversary of the Quebec-based Saint-Maurice Ironworks, the first industrial refinery in Canada.

Soon after the refinery began operations in 1738, it was established as

MINT REPORT

December 1987

Denomination	Previous Total	December Total	Total
Dollars	-0-	-0-	-0-
Half dollars	1,404,150	30,391	1,434,541
Quarter dollars	1,186,113,950	54,421,087	1,240,535,037
10-cent pieces	1,300,609,950	117,763,793	1,418,373,743
5-cent pieces	692,597,950	91,952,995	784,550,945
1-cent pieces	8,790,197,400	774,119,905	9,564,317,305



The 250th anniversary of the first industrial refinery in Canada, the Saint-Maurice Ironworks, is commemorated on Canada's 1988 silver dollar.

the most technically advanced of its kind in North America and remained so for more than 100 years. The installations were shut down in 1883 when more sophisticated techniques and other changes rendered them obsolete.

Depicted on the commemorative's reverse is a typical 18th-century scene at the refinery, in which two smiths, hammers raised, are striking iron on an anvil. The anvil is adorned with a fleur-de-lis, emblem of the Province of Quebec, and the base carries the date 1738. The design is the work of Ontario artist Robert-Ralph Carmichael, who also conceived the loon motif found on Canada's circulating \$1. The obverse bears Arnold Machin's 1964 portrait of Queen Elizabeth II.

The 1988 Canadian commemorative \$1 is .500 fine silver, has a diameter of 36.07mm and weighs 23.33g.

Mintage will be limited to orders received before November 30, 1988. The selling price is \$16.70 for the proof version and \$12.50 for the brilliant uncirculated. The silver dollar is available by mail directly from the Royal Canadian Mint, P.O. Box 457, Station A, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 8V5, Canada.

GREAT BRITAIN:

New £1 Featured in 1988 Proof Set

A new reverse for the £1 coin, depicting the Royal Arms and the Crown of St. Edward, highlights the 1988 British proof set. Created by Derek Gorringer, deputy chief engraver of the British Royal Mint, the design is sixth in a succession begun in 1983. Previous issues featured the royal coat-of-

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Five of the seven coins comprising the 1988 British proof set are struck in copper-nickel—a 22.5mm £1; a 30mm, seven-sided 50 pence; a 21.4mm, seven-sided 20 pence; a 28.5mm 10 pence; and a 23.6mm 5 pence. The two remaining pieces—a 25.9mm 2 pence; and a 20.3mm 1 pence—have a copper-zinc composition.

arms and the emblems of Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and England.

A heraldic crown, adopted by Queen Elizabeth II when she came to the throne in 1952, is set above the shield. Occupying both the upper left and lower right quarters of the Royal Arms are three lions passant guardant first used by Richard I (the Lion-Hearted).

The shield's top right quarter bears the Badge of Scotland, which features a lion rampant. The lower left quarter carries a harp, representative of Ireland.

The obverse depicts the Raphael Maklout portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, introduced in 1985. The edge bears the inscription DECUS ET TUTAMEN ("an ornament and a safeguard") and

the mark of the Llantrisant mint—three crosses, symbolizing the Welsh name Llan-tri-sant, or "Parish of the Three Saints." The six remaining coins in the 1988 set—1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 pence—retain the designs of previous years.

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SWEDEN:

Medal Recalls First Swedish Settlement in America

A Swedish organization, the Friends of the Royal Coin Cabinet, has issued

a medal to celebrate the 350th anniversary in 1988 of the establishment of a Swedish colony in what is now Delaware. Struck in bronze, .999 fine silver and 18kt gold versions by the Swedish Mint, the medal measures 45mm in diameter. Ernst Nordin, a well-known Swedish sculptor who participated in the exhibition of the Fédération Internationale de la Médaille in Colorado Springs last September, prepared the models for the medal.

Forming the medal's obverse design is a Swedish pioneer couple facing their native American counterparts across a body of water. On the medal's reverse one of the two Swedish ships to reach Delaware in 1638 is shown under full sail beneath a clouded but starry sky.

Only 25 gold medals, each weighing 80g, will be produced; silver and bronze issues, both weighing 50g,



Sweden's Friends of the Royal Coin Cabinet issued a medal to commemorate the establishment of a Swedish settlement in Delaware 350 years ago.

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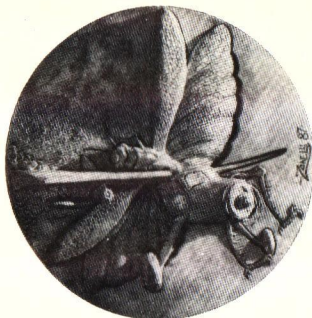
are limited to 600 pieces each. The gold 350th anniversary medal costs 9,330 Swedish kronors (approximately US\$1,539); silver, 400 kronors (approximately US\$66); and bronze, 210 kronors (approximately US\$35). Medal orders or requests for further information should be sent to Myntverket, Box 401, S-631 06 Eskilstuna, Sweden.

ITALY:

FAO Issues 1988 Calendar Medal

Each year the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) issues a calendar medal highlighting one of the various aspects of its work. This year's medal is dedicated to the FAO's locust program.

On the obverse of the medal the ar-



An 80mm, 1988 calendar medal issued by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations depicts man's struggle with destructive locusts.

tist, Luciano Zanelli, shows the importance of airplanes in fighting these destructive flying insects by depicting a plane locked in combat with a single, giant grasshopper. The reverse shows a calendar for 1988 and bears the inscription "Locust Control and Emer-

gency Operations" in English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese and Italian.

Zanelli lives and works in Rome, where he was born in 1941. He obtained his diploma as a medalist at the School of Medallic Art of the Italian State Mint. Many of his works are exhibited in museums, including the British and Vatican Museums. In 1981 he made the models for the FAO medal dedicated to the "International Year of Disabled Persons."

Struck by the Picchiani and Barlacchi Mint of Florence, the 80mm medal is available in bronze and .925 silver, priced at \$35 and \$220, respectively. Orders for the 1988 FAO calendar medal, including a check or money order made payable to "FAO Medals," should be addressed to FAO Medals (Rome), 1001 22nd St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20437. •

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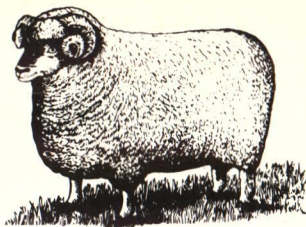


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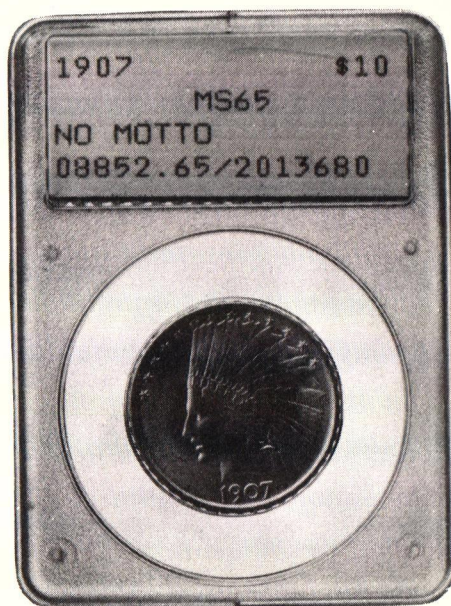
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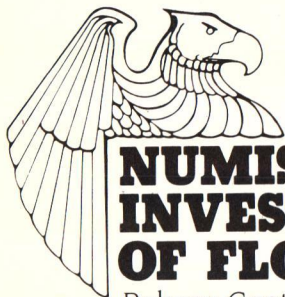
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Mercer Appointed 10th Regional Coordinator

At the Florida United Numismatists (FUN) 33rd annual convention, held recently in Orlando, ANA Governor Bill Fivaz officially appointed Ray Mercer as the 10th regional coordinator in the ANA's Representative Program. Designed to strengthen communication between the ANA and its members, the Representative Program is pyramidal in structure, with regional coordinators responsible for multi-state sections of the United States.

Mercer will take charge of a new "territory" comprising Canada, Mexico, and all other foreign countries. ANA members in these areas wishing to contact Ray Mercer may write to him at 151 Elm Street, New Canaan, CT 06840.

Regional coordinators Bob and Marjorie Hendershott, who oversee the north-central area of the United States (Region 5), have announced a change of address. From March 1 through November 30, the Hendershotts can be reached at 6116-B Clara Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65101; during the winter months they can be contacted by writing to Box 929, Clearwater, FL 33515.

Cincinnati Offers Top-Notch Accommodations for Convention Guests

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Cincinnati's Clarion Hotel, providing official accommodations for the ANA's 97th Anniversary Convention, is linked to the Cincinnati Convention Center by skywalk.

scheduled for July 20-24 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Connected by a sheltered skywalk system to the Cincinnati Convention Center, the Clarion is conveniently located in the heart of the city, within walking distance of shopping, restaurants and entertainment. Riverfront Stadium and Coliseum are just six blocks away.

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Blocks of rooms also have been set aside for ANA guests at the Hyatt Regency and Holiday Inn-Downtown. The Hyatt, adjacent to the Cincinnati Convention Center, also is accessible

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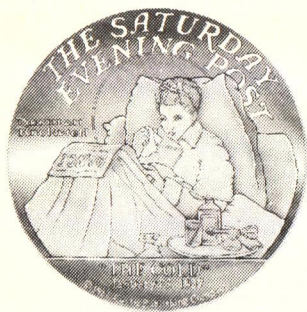
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If you have pre-registered for an ANA convention in the past, you automatically will receive a hotel reservation form in the mail. Forms also may be requested from Patricia Yates, ANA Convention Services Coordinator, 818 North Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279, telephone 719/632-2646. Completed reservation forms should be forwarded to ANA Housing Bureau, 300 West 6th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Norman Rockwell Commemorative Series Benefits ANA

The first and second issues of a 12-piece series of limited-edition, 2-ounce medallions featuring covers created by Norman Rockwell for *The Saturday Evening Post* have been released. Titled "America's Favorites," the series was produced by the Liberty Mint in cooperation with Creative Minting, Inc. and the ANA.

The obverse of each medallion captures a slice of American life as only Rockwell could see it; the reverse of each proof carries the ANA seal, the first 2-ounce commemorative to do so.



The first medallion in a 12-piece series entitled "America's Favorites," produced by Liberty Mint in cooperation with Creative Minting, Inc. and the ANA, features Norman Rockwell's painting *The Cold* (left). Rockwell's *Triple Self-Portrait* is carried on the second medallion in the series.

The initial medallion features Rockwell's painting entitled *The Cold*, which appeared on the cover of the January 23, 1937, edition of *The Saturday Evening Post*. It was one of the last the artist created using live models. The

second medallion shows *Triple Self-Portrait*, published on the front of the magazine's February 13, 1960, issue.

A new proof medallion will be available each month for a full year. No more than 10,000 pieces of each proof

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Sales of the medallion will benefit the ANA—for each medal sold for \$49.95 by participating ANA member dealers across the nation, the Association will receive \$1.50. Additional information about the medallions can be obtained from the ANA and member dealers, or by contacting the Liberty Mint, P.O. Box 622, Provo, UT 84604, telephone 800/345-MINT or 801/374-9623. ➤

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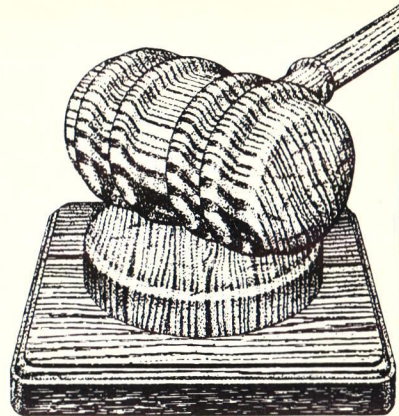


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issues or classical coinage of the ancient world. In addition, some Numismatic Theatre programs present new discoveries, the results of years of research.

Numismatic Theatre Coordinator Carl Wolf is in the process of finalizing the schedule for Cincinnati and urges ANA members to help by volunteering to give a presentation. Says Wolf, "Any proposal will be considered, provided it deals with numismatics and has educational value."

Those interested in participating in the Numismatic Theatre in Cincinnati should submit a brief, precise summary of their proposed presentation, including its length and any necessary equipment (such as a blackboard, slide projector, etc.), and daytime and evening telephone numbers. Proposals should be sent to Carl Wolf, 2 North Riverside Plaza, Suite 2400, Chicago,

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Perhaps the most intriguing aspect of studying foreign currency is the knowledge to be gained about the his-

stories of various nations. A beautiful 200-kronor coin issued by Norway in 1980, for example, bears on its obverse the date 8 May 1945, commemorating the 35th anniversary of the country's liberation from Nazi Germany, which had occupied Norway since April 1940. Hitler governed Norway through a puppet minister, Vidkun Quisling, a Norwegian whose name has been incorporated into the English language as "quisling," meaning traitor.

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Collectors can order NCW promotional materials, which include guidelines for activities, sample proclamation

forms, buttons, stickers, posters and information about the ANA and its services, by writing to National Coin Week, American Numismatic Association, 818 North Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279.

Typically observed throughout the United States, National Coin Week is actively celebrated by Canadian collectors as Coin Week Canada 1988 (CWC). Sponsored by the Canadian Numismatic Association, CWC is organized by Chairman Stanley Clute and a committee consisting of prominent Canadian numismatists, whose aim is to solicit support of coin clubs and collectors in promoting the hobby and CWC across Canada. Promotional posters, ribbons and literature are available to all CNA member clubs by contacting Stanley Clute, P.O. Box 2082, High River, Alberta T0L

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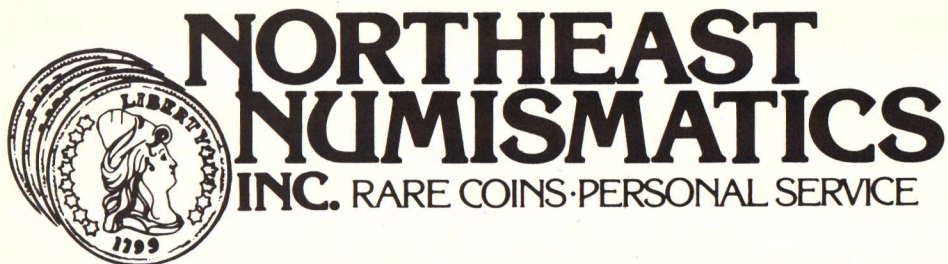
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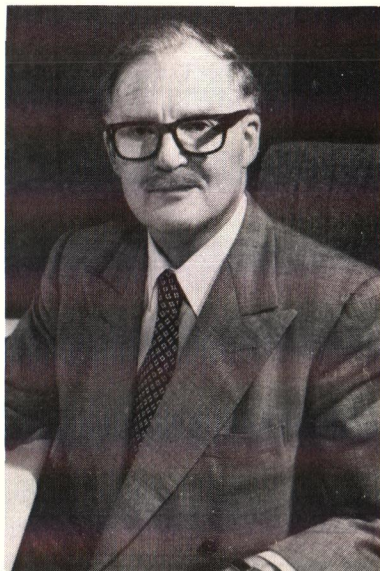
Garrett Appointed Deputy Master of British Royal Mint

In January Anthony D. Garrett assumed the post of deputy master of the British Royal Mint, replacing Dr. D. Jeremy Gerhard, who retired last December 31. The deputy master is appointed by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to serve under the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who is master of the Royal Mint.

Garrett brings to the Mint his expertise in marketing, finance and manufacturing gained while holding the positions of corporate vice president

of Proctor & Gamble (1975-82) and board member of the British Post Office (1983-87). Born in Wales and educated at Cambridge, he has lived and worked both in the United Kingdom and abroad, including a number of years in the United States during the 1960s.

Commencing his association with the British Royal Mint, Garrett expresses his sense of confidence in the future, commenting that "the Mint has entered a new competitive era with the launch of the Britannia, Britain's new gold bullion coin." He looks forward to visiting the United States in the near future and hopes that Americans will "share our excitement for some of the numismatic events that will occur during the next few years—the quincennial of the sovereign in 1989, the commemorative £2 coin in the same



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ANS Holds Design Competition for Endowment Medal

The American Numismatic Society is conducting an open competition

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UFO Sighting Commemorated on French Jeton

Pictured on page 19 of *The UFO Phenomenon*, a recently released volume published by Time-Life Books, is a French jeton, or counter, minted in the 1680s that depicts what some believe to be an unidentified flying object (UFO) in the clouds above a land-



Many believe that the obverse of this 17th-century, 28mm French jeton depicts a UFO sighting.

scape. The piece is an otherwise normal French jeton, similar to thousands of others that were made and used throughout central Europe during the 16th and 17th centuries to help people learn to count sums of money (when real coins were not available). They often carried the alphabet or political or religious themes.

Some "ufologists" suggest that the obverse of this particular jeton may commemorate a daytime UFO sight-

ing. Another interpretation is that the object is "Ezekiel's wheel," or the "chariot of Yahweh," referred to in the Old Testament (Ezekiel 1:16), which many read as a description of an early UFO. The legend OPPORTVNVS ADEST translates to "It is here at an opportune time."

Owned for many years by Kenneth Bressett, ANA education director, the jeton with the mysterious design has defied positive identification.

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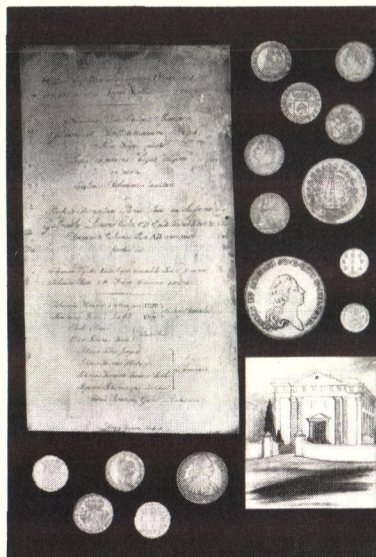
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tastes toward the esthetic, then this little volume certainly deserves a place on your library shelf.

Gerald Hoberman, arguably the finest coin photographer around and immediate past president of the South African Numismatic Society, caused this book to be published. Between the covers are 10 numismatic essays on a variety of subjects ranging from ancient to modern; each, prepared by a SANS member, was selected for scholarship and numismatic interest, and all essays are illustrated with photos from Hoberman's magic camera.

One essay brings to life the times of Septimus Severus, providing fascinating details about a gold stater of Panti-kapaion from about 350 B.C. and a group of gold aurei of Severus from about A.D. 200. One reads of Pan, the woodland deity who adorns the ob-



A Foundation Stone "Hoard" het Nuwe Kerk, Cape Town 1833

Dr. Frank Mitchell

Hoard plays a very important part in the foundation of numismatic history. Whether Mithrasian gold and silver hoards in an earthenware jar in Pella or some readily unearthed, or the savings of a butcher landscape in Italy in 1911 as he prepared to run from Caesar's army, a hoard is a fact. One can be sure that the power in that hoard were recognized as valuable by their owner at the time they were hidden; that they were probably covered in the dust of the earth; and that they were hidden, as the date of their burial.

Of course, the larger it is, and the more definite the conclusion which can be drawn from it. No matter how small the hoard may be, however, even a single N.O.C. (No. 1) piece of 1/2 cent, photographed up in a numismatic view, and it may represent a vital link in the numismatic story. It shows that every coin collector who agrees to the title of "Numismatist" has a great responsibility to posterity, the responsibility to ensure that every coin "find" no matter how unassuming a man at first appears, is properly recorded.

There are still many gaps in the numismatic story of South Africa. What can one ask? Have been used at the Cape since the first European settlement in 1652? or "What came did the Voortrekkers take with them when they set off North with their oxen in the 1830's?" There is still no final answer to those questions, no full and final comprehensive list of coins to be found in the market place of 17th, 18th or 19th century Cape Town, in the days when our numismatists were "The Treasury of the New."

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1. The New Kerk, circa 1833, the Dutch Reformed Church situated in New Kerk Street, Cape Town (established in 1667).
 11. This engraved silver plaque on the foundation stone under which the Hoard was found, was found in Latin that it had been found by the British Governor of the Cape of Good Hope, Sir Godolphin Lowry Cole, C.B. on the 26th April 1833.

Numismatic Essays, a publication of the South African Numismatic Society, comprises 10 articles on a variety of topics, illustrated with photographs by Gerald Hoberman, the Society's past president.

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verse of the stater as a punning allusion to the Pantikapaion colony, and, on the reverse, the griffin, the mythical beast supposed to have guarded the country's gold.

Seeking to explain why an 1810 proclamation from the Cape of Good Hope listed the Venetian ducat as legal tender in that colony, another tract traces the political and economic history of Venice and describes the genesis, development and widespread imitation of Venice's highly successful trade coin, the gold ducat.

A third essay, inspired by the author's chance discovery of two heroism awards dating to the Boer War, presents a fascinating account of the recipients and actions that warranted presentation of the awards. This colorful tale concerns the ambush of a supply train, one of the results of which

was the capture of English war correspondent Winston Churchill.

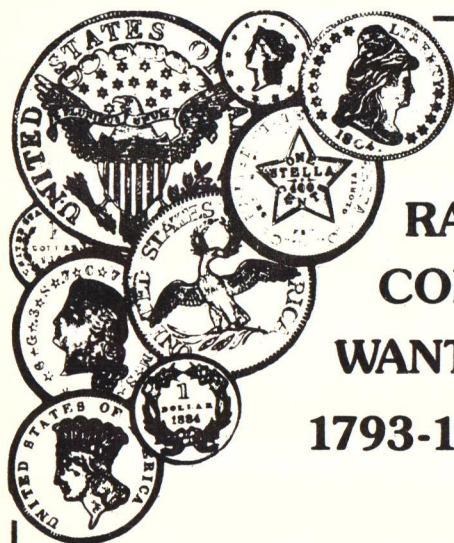
Numismatic Essays, a publication of the South African Numismatic Society (US\$15 postpaid from SANS, P.O. Box 1689, Cape Town 8000, South Africa), offers a treat, and, it should be emphasized, a delight to both the mind and the eye.—*James O. Sweeney*

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The Other Central America

The colorful bank notes of this strife-torn region illustrate the rich history and culture of its people.

THE LAND BRIDGE connecting North and South America consists of seven countries, once known collectively as the "banana republics." This irregularly shaped area tapers sinuously southeastward from Mexico to the northwest coast of Colombia.

by Clovis von T. Crummett
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The region, which we know only too well as Central America, is numismatically intriguing, if for no other reason than that we know so little about the paper money circulating within these seven nations. We hear about mysterious millions of dollars in Swiss bank accounts; we see legions of native soldiers camouflaged in combat uniforms. Occasionally, we catch glimpses of vocal politicians on the nightly news. But where are the ordinary citizens for whom these combat efforts presumably are made?

I like to think of this seemingly invisible populace as "the other Central America." It is these people—shopkeepers, tradesmen, farmers and bureaucrats—and their families who generate the need for and expend the paper monies issued by their governments.

Other things besides weapons and ammunition are bought and sold here. The housewife, with her string shopping bag and handful of cordobas, quetzals or lempiras, symbolizes the millions of "Centroamericana" who forage daily in the village and city markets for the rice, beans and corn with which to feed their families.

The paper currency of Central America has a fairly recent history. Bank notes first appeared in some of the countries in the mid-19th century, issued by private banks rather than by the governments themselves. As economic conditions stabilized, the governments assumed responsibility for the production of paper money.

Early notes from these countries were lavishly decorated with allegorical figures and ornate designs. Female figures predominated, although a bust of Columbus appears on some Costa Rican issues. A 2-colon note produced by that country in the 1930s even features a rendering of Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa.

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Belize

FORMERLY CALLED BRITISH Honduras, this northernmost Central American country is nestled under the southern coast of the Yucatan peninsula. British Honduras became the British Colony of Belize in June 1973 after passage of a bill by the People's United Party. Paper bank notes were first issued in the British Honduras in 1894 and are considered rare today; U.S. notes circulated freely in the country until 1924. The country's monetary system is and always has been based on the dollar.

Bearing Old World designs, British Honduran notes carried a portrait of King George VI from 1939 to 1951. The only change to occur between 1952 and 1973 was the substitution of a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II. It was not until 1974 that any major design changes in the country's paper money appeared.

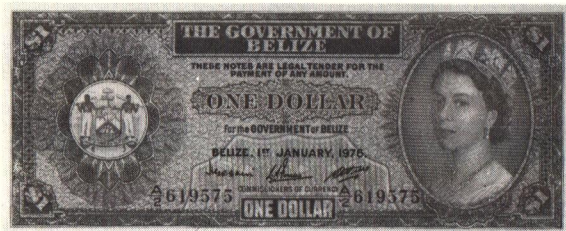
Bank notes of recent issue have a more contemporary appearance. A "free-form" \$1 note issued in June 1980 by The Monetary Authority of Belize depicts a school of red fish hovering over what is described on the bill as the "largest barrier reef in the Americas." On the back is a modern building, the Belize House of Representatives, around which is pictured native wildlife. The only concession to the country's illustrious Mayan past is a watermark showing an imposing stone head.



Guatemala

GUATEMALA, ALONG WITH Belize and parts of southern Mexico, shares the distinction of being the site of the ancient Mayan civilization, celebrated as having the most highly developed culture in the New World before the arrival of Europeans. Almost half of the inhabitants of Guatemala are directly descended from these people and collectively speak nearly 20 languages and dialects of the Mayan language. Not surprising, Mayan artifacts, architecture and drawings decorate many Guatemalan notes.

The country's monetary system was dominated by the peso until 1924, at which time the quetzal (named for Guatemala's national bird) was designated as the basic unit. However, the bird itself made its monetary debut years before. This spec-



The Government of British Honduras became the Government of Belize after passage of a bill expressing the people's desire for change. Bank note designs remained the same, except for the date and the nation's name.

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tacular creature has appeared on Guatemalan currency since the late 1880s, with early notes showing it perched atop a classic Greek column.

Beginning with the First Regular Issue in the mid-1900s, the quetzal, with its three-foot-long tail trailing behind, sails across the face of every note. The colors employed in printing are somewhat subdued and do not do justice to this brilliantly feathered, crested flyer worshiped by the Mayans and Aztecs as "Quetzalcoatl," the plumed serpent god. The so-called "Second Regular Issue" of Guatemalan bank notes, first released in 1969, employed a computerized numbering system. The system was short-lived, however, and the "Third Regular Issue" of 1983 used standard numbers.

A striking ½-quetzal note released by the Bank of Guatemala in 1982 is printed predominantly in shades of brown, with some detail in light green and orange. The image on the face of the bill is that of Tecun Uman, an early national hero. The back depicts the 240-foot-high Tikal temple, a Mayan shrine.

El Salvador

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS (OTHERWISE known as Cristóbal Colón) is a big name in Central America. On his fourth voyage to the New World, Columbus explored the Caribbean coastline of the Honduras, Nicaragua,

The face of a Guatemalan ½-quetzal note features the national bird—the quetzal—in flight, along with the visage of Tecun Uman, an Indian national hero. On the back is depicted a Mayan temple, one of more than 10,000 such structures in the area.

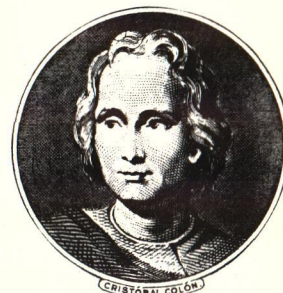


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A huge hydroelectric dam is pictured on the face of a 1-colon note of El Salvador. A youthful portrait of Columbus adorns the back.



Costa Rica and Panama in an effort to find a nonexistent passage to the Indian Ocean. Many El Salvadoran bank notes—from the 1800s to the present—carry a likeness of the great navigator. In fact, the standard unit of currency in El Salvador, as well as in Costa Rica, is the colon.

Several bank notes issued by the Central Reserve Bank of El Salvador in 1968 and in the 1970s have a curiously delicate, almost etched quality compared to some of the heavy, dark notes of the 1950s. The 1-colon notes of 1978-81, for example, present an aerial view of a huge hydroelectric dam with its spillways, generating plant and power lines. The back, printed entirely in red, carries a youthful likeness of Christopher Columbus.

Also on the back is a superimposed seal, signature and date in black. Albert Pick, in his *Standard Catalog of World Paper Money*, explains that in order to have certain control over the issues from the private banks, "the government decreed that after 1907 all issued bank notes should have a validation stamp with the text: TOMADO RAZON accompanied by the official seal and sign" of the corresponding institution and the signature of the ad hoc appointed person. Since July 1910, the date of the counter-marking also appears.

A 2-colon note is similar in layout and color, but the illustration on the face is that of the colonial church of Panchimalco. A shower of purple and blue security threads cascades down the center.

Honduras

IN SPANISH THE word "Honduras" means "depths," derived from the country's coastal ranges that appear to rise abruptly from the depths of the sea. The nation's paper money has been and continues to be extremely col-

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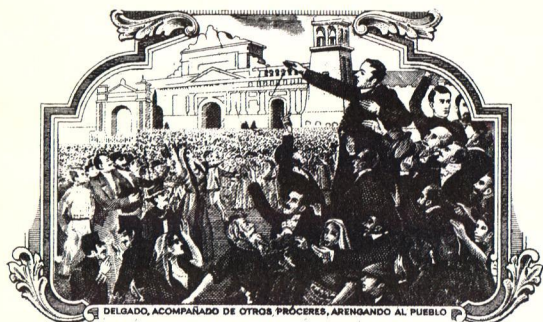
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The peso was the standard unit of currency until the lempira was introduced in 1926, named for an early Indian chief whose heroic resistance to Spanish conquerors inspired later movements toward freedom and independence. A 1-lempira note, issued in 1980 and printed in red with muted bands of underlying colors, carries a modernized likeness of the famed leader on its face.

Shown on the back are the ruins of Copan, a restored Mayan ceremonial site near the Guatemalan border. The stadium-like arena was actually a ball court, where very serious games resembling a combination of basketball and soccer were played out. The defeated team not only lost the competition but also their lives. In an age-old ritual, the winners dispatched the losers under the direction of members of the priesthood.

A 5-lempira bill, dated October 4, 1978, displays an unusual tableau on the back. A caption explains that it portrays the Battle of Trinidad, a civil war conflict that occurred in November 1827. The battle scene is strong and vigorous in its representation. At the left, a group of struggling soldiers is led by a mounted officer. Portrayed in shades of gray, the action calls to mind a sculptured monument. However, the group at the right (the losers in this battle) is shown dressed in red jackets.



The Central Reserve Bank of El Salvador presented this intricate vignette on its 5-colon note of October 1977.

Nicaragua

AT THE TURN of the century, many areas of Central America were strongly influenced by U.S. interests, both private and governmental. Nicaragua, in fact, was occupied by U.S. Marines for some 20 years. The United States' influence on the Nicaraguan economy is particularly evident on paper money produced from 1912 to 1938, which shows the name of the issuing bank in both Spanish and English.

American involvement in Nicaragua can be traced to the mid-1800s. When gold was discovered in California in 1848, a canal linking the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans became a great possibility. To snare the increasing volume of transit trade, American capitalist Cornelius Vanderbilt established the Accessory Transit Company, a steamship and overland service across Nicaragua, and obtained a contract to build a canal in 1851. The proposed canal was to follow the company's route up the San Juan River

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from the Caribbean Sea, across Lake Nicaragua and then over the strip of land separating the lake from the Pacific Ocean. However, construction of the canal was never started.

Beginning in 1979 with the Second Issue of Series E notes of the Banco Central de Nicaragua, the country's paper money lost the formality of earlier issues and took on an open, breezy appearance. The face of a 1,000 cordobas offers an informal portrait of revolutionary war hero General Augusto César Sandino, while the back depicts Sandino's modest birthplace, a thatched hut. The six denominations in this series—10, 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1,000 cordobas—all employ a watermark of Sandino, similar to his portrait on the 1,000-cordoba note.

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The Honduras' standard unit of exchange is the lempira, named for an early Indian chief who is pictured on the country's 1-lempira note of May 1980. The ruins of Copan are shown on the back.

The back of a Honduran 5-lempira note features a detail of the Battle of Trinidad, fought in November 1827.



president of Nicaragua in the 1850s. With a band of 57 followers, Walker landed at the Pacific coast town of Corinto, having been invited by a Nicaraguan revolutionary faction. His intent was to establish a militaristic Central American empire based on negro slavery. After much politicking, numerous skirmishes with local militia and unsuccessful dealings with Vanderbilt's transit company, Walker surrendered to the U.S. Navy in 1857.

Not content to leave well enough alone, Walker again pursued his will-o'-the-wisp destiny. However, this time his luck ran out. In 1860 he was executed by a Honduran firing squad for attempting to overthrow the country's government.

Walker did issue and sign military scrip in Nicaragua as "President of the Republic" to pay his private army. These notes are considered quite rare today; Pick's catalog (5th ed., 1986) lists a July 1856 \$25 note and an October 1856 \$50 specimen, both worth \$350 in good condition.

Costa Rica

COSTA RICA (A Spanish name that means "rich coast") generally is considered the model democracy of Central America. One of the advantages of being a country at peace is an abundance of time and funds to create and maintain cultural activities.

Costa Rica has been described as having one of the most remarkable national park systems in the world. In the country's 20 parks and biological reserves, emphasis is placed on scientific research, with tourism receiving low priority. However, only in the past 20 years have the nation's bank notes shown evidence of the importance of these parks and preserves. Many other countries with noteworthy natural resources have depicted these spectacular subjects on their currency with great success.

A Series D 5-colon note, issued from 1968 to 1983, does feature two purple *Cattleya* orchids native to the coastal rain forest. Perhaps Costa Rican wildlife will find a place on future issues. Indigenous to the area are the languid three-toed sloth, the brilliant-blue surgeonfish, the cinnamon-

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A 2-cordoba note issued by the Central Bank of Nicaragua in 1972 (top) is conventional and staid. However, the bank note design changed dramatically in 1979, as illustrated by a 1984 100-cordoba note.



colored spider monkey, the rarely seen ocelot, the yard-long scarlet macaw, the golden toad and, of course, the iridescent quetzal.

In 1983 a 20-colon note issued by the Banco Central de Costa Rica was printed on "Tyvek," an experimental plasticized paper that resists tearing. Variations of this material are employed in the United States for envelopes and packaging used in mailing bulk-printed matter.

Panama

AFTER DECLARING ITS independence from Spain in 1821, Panama joined the confederation of Great Colombia, its neighbor to the south. In 1903 Panama became a sovereign state and later that year signed a treaty with the United States, granting the U.S. permission to build a canal across the isthmus.

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General A.C. Sandino, a Nicaraguan leader of the 1920s, is featured on a 1,000-cordoba note.

In 1941 Panama released a series of State Notes printed by the Hamilton Bank Note Company of New York. A 1 balboa features a portrait of the explorer for whom the denomination is named.



bank notes dated January 1, 1851, in denominations of ½, 1, 2 and 3 pesos; however, the notes promised to pay the bearer in dollars. These issues are scarce today and are valued anywhere from \$250 in good condition to \$1,500 in extremely fine grade. Other notes issued in the 1800s by the Exchange Bank of Colón, Estado Soberano de Panamá, Banco de Panamá and Banco de Peres y Planas also are scarce and are valued at hundreds of dollars.

In 1941 El Banco Central de Emisión released a series of State Notes printed by the Hamilton Bank Note Company of New York in denominations of 1, 5, 10 and 20 balboas. Extremely colorful, these modern notes were printed in shades of blue, red, violet, orange, green and black, and pictured a variety of subjects, including Vasco Núñez de Balboa; Urraca, queen of Castile and Leon in the 12th century; an old fortress; and an ox-drawn cart laden with what appears to be sugar cane. (Despite its importance to Panamanian economy, the U.S.-controlled Panama Canal was not considered an appropriate subject for bank notes issued by the Republic of Panama.) After a short circulation, the series was recalled, and nearly all notes were destroyed. Since that time, U.S. paper money has circulated in Panama, as the country ceased to issue its own national bank notes.

WITH TODAY'S STRONG political focus on these countries in turmoil, Central America has assumed a large and wide-ranging importance in the affairs of the Western Hemisphere and, indeed, the world. However, Central American paper currency—the money of the people—serves as a vivid reminder of the rich history and culture of our neighbors to the south. •

Clovis von T. Crummett's interest in numismatics began in World War II, when, as a combat photographer in Europe and the Philippines, he began collecting the military payment certificates with which he was paid. Crummett examined other aspects of world currency in "World Paper Money: Footnotes to History" (July 1986) and "The Fine Art of Bank Note Design" (June 1987).

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Blowing the Dust off a Forgotten Denomination

This succinct overview of U.S. half cents might urge the casual collector to take another look at this neglected area of collecting.

FOR MOST OF us, the half-cent section of the "Red Book" is the part that cracks from lack of use when we open it. We don't seem to pay any attention to these nondescript, little copper coins. But why? No excitement? Lack of history, investment potential, or varieties?

Half cents have all these qualities plus many others. For example, half cents are extremely scarce compared to most other U.S. coins. In the entire series, only two dates, the 1804 and 1809, have a mintage of more than 1,000,000, and neither of those has a mintage of more than 1,500,000. So, obviously, they are not common coins.

Varieties are extremely abundant in the realm of half cents. Ebenezer Gilbert first categorized these varieties in March 1916 in his monograph *United States Half Cents*. Soon, half cents were attributed by "Gilbert numbers," which commonly were used until the early 1970s, when Roger S. Cohen Jr. wrote *American Half Cents, The "Little Half Sisters."* In almost no time at all, "Cohen numbers" replaced Gilbert numbers in most major books and auction catalogs.

Early in 1984, Walter Breen released a large volume, *Encyclopedia of Half Cents, 1793-1857*. This extremely well-researched book is the most comprehensive reference on the subject, with varieties and die states covered in minute detail. Eventually, the use of Breen numbers is likely to overtake the familiar Cohen numbers.

Still, general collectors pay very little attention to half cents, possibly because of a lack of knowledge about the subject. A simple overview of U.S. half cents, therefore, may prove helpful.

by David F. Fanning
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In 1794 U.S. half cents carried a new Liberty, considered to be a more pleasant-looking lady than the stern portrayal on the 1793 issue.

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Although difficult to distinguish on this heavily worn 1795 half cent, the pole holding up Liberty's cap has been omitted as a result of an engraver's error. ANA MUSEUM

The United States minted coins of the half-cent denomination from 1793 to 1857. Unlike their large-cent counterparts, which also were coined from 1793 to 1857 inclusive (with the sole exception of the year 1815), half cents were produced at very sporadic intervals: 1793-97, 1800, 1802-11, 1825-26, 1828-29, 1831-36 and 1840-57.

Half cents were produced on such an irregular basis for several reasons. They were not particularly needed in circulation because the large cent was the chief staple at the time. Also, half cents were unpopular. Merchants often would price their merchandise in whole cents so they did not have to bother with half cents. Another reason for halts in half-cent production was that shortages of copper occasionally occurred, and what little was available was used to manufacture large cents or to make gold and silver alloys. Even when half cents were minted, not many were made.

Half cents were first produced in 1793, the only year that the denomination portrayed Miss Liberty facing left. The design, probably engraved by Adam Eckfeldt, was adapted from the *Libertas Americana* medal that had been struck in France in 1783, supporting American independence. Almost all known pieces are in worse than Fine condition, with a few Very Fine and Extremely Fine pieces scattered around. Half cents of this date in better than Extremely Fine condition are rarities.

During the years 1794 to 1797, different designs were used. The new half cents, designed by Robert Scot, depict Miss Liberty facing right, and she is more pleasant looking than the stern portrait on the 1793 issues. The 1794 pieces, and some from the first half of 1795, were struck on the heavier planchets used in 1793. Then, in mid-1795 the weight was reduced from 6.74 grams to 5.44 grams. A slightly different Miss Liberty, designed by John Smith Gardner, was utilized from 1795 to 1797. Half cents dated 1794 or 1795 are rare in Extremely Fine condition or better.

In the early years of the Mint, planchets were made out of any available copper, and in 1794 the Mint purchased 1,076 pounds of copper tokens that had been produced by an import company, Talbot, Allum and Lee. In 1795 and 1797, the Mint used the tokens for half-cent planchets and, once in a while, you can see traces of the original Talbot, Allum and Lee design in the fields of coins from those years.

In 1795-96 two varieties occurred. The first is the normal half cent, with a pole supporting Miss Liberty's cap, while the second lacks the pole. The missing pole is an engraver's error, and such specimens are extraordi-

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narily rare, with a population of 15 to 20 examples.

Sometime in the 19th century Dr. Frank Smith Edwards struck copies of the 1796 "with pole" variety to be used as a space filler for numismatists who could not afford the real thing. Although his intentions were not to counterfeit, his copies made buying "with pole" variety half cents very confusing. The copy is actually quite good, the main differences being in the lettering and head. Unless you examine one carefully, you may buy a "Dr. Edwards" copy instead of a real half cent.

Half cents dated 1797 tend to be in better shape and have sharper images than their predecessors. A few exist in Uncirculated condition, and it is very possible to find About Uncirculated specimens for sale.

After a break in production (the first of many) from 1798-99, the striking of half cents was resumed in 1800. The Draped Bust design used for the new half cents was the same as that seen on large cents from 1796 to 1807, engraved by Robert Scot. This series extended until 1808, when the Classic Head, or Turban Head, design came into use. In 1800, 202,908 half cents were coined, all from one set of dies, according to Gilbert.

The 1802 half cents were struck in two varieties, both of which are rare "2 over 0" overdates. One utilizes the 1800 reverse; the other exhibits a second reverse. The former is very, very scarce (about 20 to 25 known), with the best reported in Fine condition. In 1803, 92,000 half cents were struck using four die marriages. These are available in all grades from Good to About Uncirculated, but Uncirculated pieces are rarities.

In 1804, 1,055,312 half cents were coined. Many die marriages occur in this year, 11 according to Gilbert. The main difference between the types of 1804 half cents is seen in the number 4. Some varieties show the 4 with a plain crossbar, while others have a "crosslet." Half cents struck in 1804 are commonly seen in grades up to About Uncirculated, with Uncirculated pieces being rare.

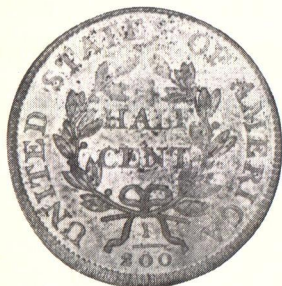
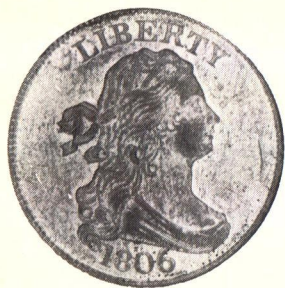
A fairly large number of half cents were minted in 1805, 814,464 according to the Mint's records. However, it is believed that many of these were made in 1805, but were struck from 1803 and 1804 dies. As with most other dates, 1805 pieces are readily available in grades up to About Uncirculated; Uncirculated specimens are rare.

The 1806 half cents were struck using large- and small-sized versions of the numeral 6. One variety, exhibiting both a large 6 on the date and stems protruding from the bottom of the wreath on the reverse, is often seen in Uncirculated grade, some retaining their original mint red color. These



This Draped Bust 1804 half cent exhibits a "crosslet" 4.

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This 1806 U.S. half cent exhibits both the "large 6" and "with stems" varieties of this issue.

THE YEARS 1809 to 1836 saw a new design, the Classic Head, or as many call it, the Turban Head. This same design, engraved by John Reich, was used on large cents from 1808 to 1814.

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(along with some 1800-dated pieces) are found in Uncirculated condition because of the "Chapman Hoard," a rather large group of pieces that was distributed by the famous Chapman brothers around the turn of the century. Most 1800 and 1806 half cents in Uncirculated condition trace their ancestry back to this group.

In 1807 the Mint recorded coining 476,000 half cents, although many of these may have been struck from 1806 dies. Those with the 1807 date all were struck from one set of dies. However, it is known that a second obverse die was made but not used that year. So, for 1808 the Mint punched an 8 over the 7, thereby producing the "8 over 7" variety. Readily available in grades up to Extremely Fine, 1807 half cents in Uncirculated condition are rare.

Half cents struck in 1808 carry the Draped Bust design for the last time. These pieces are divided into two basic groups comprised of normal-date and "8 over 7" half cents. Normal-date 1808 pieces in Uncirculated condition are prime rarities.

The years 1809 to 1836 saw a new design, the Classic Head, or as many call it, the Turban Head. This same design, engraved by John Reich, was used on large cents from 1808 to 1814. The first year for the new design saw the largest mintage ever for half cents: 1,154,572. Many of these were not released into general circulation but were kept in bank vaults for many years. Thus, many Uncirculated pieces are known to exist. As a result of the extensive mintage of 1809 half cents, only 215,000 were minted in 1810, and a mere 63,140 in 1811. Both of these issues are very rare in Uncirculated condition.

Mintages of U.S. Half Cents

YEAR	MINTAGE ACCORDING TO U.S. MINT RECORDS	ACTUAL MINTAGE
1832	—	154,000
1833	154,000	120,000
1834	120,000	141,000
1835	141,000	398,000
1836	398,000	—

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Because the Mint sold dies as scrap iron, a numismatist, Joseph J. Mickly, came into possession of half-cent dies dated 1811 and made crude restrikes of the coins. Instead of using the normal reverse of an 1811 half cent, he used the totally different reverse from the 1802 half cent. Only 10 to 12 of these outstanding private issues were struck.

Plenty of half cents were in circulation by 1811, so the Mint did not strike half cents from 1812 to 1824, representing the longest striking hiatus for the denomination. In 1825 half cents again were coined using the Turban Head design. According to Mint records, 63,000 pieces were struck. However, in 1826, many pieces were coined with the 1825 dies, thereby making the actual mintage of 1825 half cents higher. Mintage of half cents in 1826 was reported as 234,000, but, as stated before, many were struck with 1825 dies, so this figure is higher than the actual mintage.

In 1828, 606,000 half cents were struck, some with the normal 13 stars on the obverse, while others only show 12 stars. The "12 stars" variety is the more scarce. In 1829, 487,000 pieces were coined, and from this time on Uncirculated half cents are seen with more regularity.

For 1831 the Red Book reports that only 2,200 half cents were struck, but this figure seems much higher than the actual mintage. Most original 1831 half cents were struck in proof condition and today are very rare. Restrikes were produced later and basically are grouped into two categories: those carrying the reverse of the 1836 and others exhibiting the 1840-48 reverse. During the years 1832-35, the Mint produced half cents in larger amounts for circulation.

Some inconsistencies occur when comparing the Mint's recorded mintages for the years 1832 through 1836 with the actual mintages as noted in the Red Book (see table). The Mint confused mintages for 1833-36 with mintages for 1832-35. In 1836 the only half cents produced were proofs, so the Mint's recorded mintage of 398,000 for this year surely must be incorrect. As in 1831, restrikes were produced dated 1836, again using the reverse for 1840-48. All were struck in proof; no business strikes were produced until 1849.

No half cents were struck from 1837 to 1839, and because of the lack of small change in circulation, many people produced "Hard Times" tokens. These copper pieces were of the proper weight and passed as change until official Mint issues came back into circulation.

Beginning with the year 1840 and extending to the end of half-cent production in 1857, Christian Gobrecht's design for Miss Liberty, called the



Designed by John Reich, the Turban Head, or Classic Head, 1828 half cent carries 12 stars on its obverse; pieces with 13 stars are more common.

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THE 1849 HALF cents are divided into three categories: original and restrike proofs, and large-date business strikes. In 1849, 39,864 business strikes were produced, all of them the large-date variety.

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Ten large berries and one tiny berry on the wreath of this proof 1845 U.S. half cent indicates it is an original, not a restrike.

"Braided Hair" type, adorned the obverse of the denomination. Half cents from the years 1840-48 all were struck in proof condition, and the pieces from the years 1840-46 are either originals that exhibit ten large berries and one tiny berry on the reverse's wreath, or restrikes showing eleven small berries. All of the coins are exactly the same except for the dates. Proofs for the years 1847 and 1848 also are the same, save for larger numbers in the dates.

The 1849 half cents are divided into three categories: original and restrike proofs, and large-date business strikes. In 1849, 39,864 business strikes were produced, all of them the large-date variety. The 1850 half cents were struck to the extent of 39,812 pieces. The half cents of 1851 (mintage 147,672) were struck from one set of dies.

No business-strike half cents were issued in 1852, which saw production of original and restrike proofs only. During the years 1853 to 1857, additional business-strike half cents were produced, usually with a mintage well below 100,000. In early 1857, production of the half-cent denomination, along with the large cent, ended.

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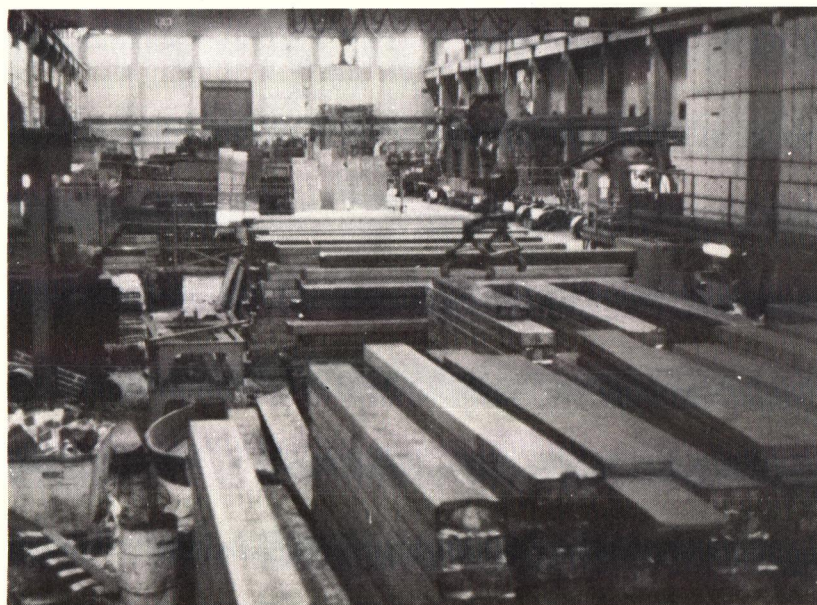
Numismatic Errors

In the first of a three-part series, the author explores the fascinating world of error collecting and discusses how slip-ups in planchet production create sought-after specimens.

by Arnold Margolis
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SINCE COINS WERE first made, there has been the ever-present chance for mistakes or deviation from intended coinage designs through human or mechanical error. Over the years, mostly in the last 25 or so, the collecting of such minting errors has gained favor. When the ANA recognized this aspect of the hobby by establishing an exhibit category for numismatic errors in 1977, collector interest grew considerably.

Error collecting is not a hobby in which the collector can simply decide to become a specialist. It just does not work that way. To become an error collector, you must do some homework and gain a working knowledge of how coins are made. This means briefly studying the proc-



This photograph, taken in 1973, shows the operating floor of the Philadelphia Mint, where stacks of ingots await processing in the rolling mill. Today, ingots, metal strip and blanks for U.S. coinage are manufactured by outside firms.

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esses by which mints produce coins for commerce.

Once this knowledge is acquired, the collector must learn how error coins are created. You should familiarize yourself with how malfunctions of minting machinery can occur, and what kind of disfigured or incorrectly formed coins can result. At first this sounds like a most imposing and difficult task, but when you get into it, step by step, it is no more difficult than any other acquired skill.

Experience has shown that study of the minting process itself is the best teacher. By following the raw metal through the various stages in which it is formed and re-formed into coinage, the circumstances that lead to the production of error coins are easier to understand. Some folks in the error-collecting hobby have devised the "PDS" system to explain this set of circumstances; that is, "P" for planchet errors, "D" for errors caused by the coinage dies, and "S" for striking errors that happen in the coinage press.

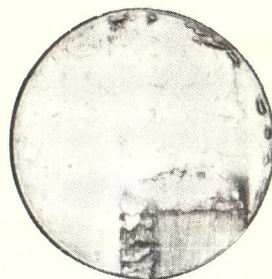
You might ask, "Why bother with all that?" The answer is as logical as the question. If you want to collect error coins, you should be able to examine a specimen and mentally narrow down just how the error came to be and at what point in the coinage process it occurred. In this way, you can identify error coins without having each and every one checked by a professional, and you'll enjoy the hobby that much more. You'll also find that the knowledge you have acquired will serve in other areas of numismatics as well.

Laminated Planchet Errors

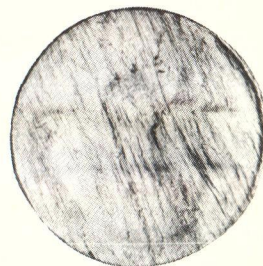
THE FIRST STEP in the manufacture of coins of any kind is the preparation of the alloys from which the coin blanks, or planchets, are made. An alloy is produced by melting an appropriate combination of metals in a furnace and pouring the molten material into large ingots, or slabs. Once they have cooled, the ingots are sent to elaborate rolling mills, where they are squeezed, pressed and reshaped into long coils of sheet metal that approximate the thickness of the blanks that eventually will be punched from them.

This is where the first type of planchet error happens. If the alloy is not thoroughly blended in the furnace, portions of the mixture will be richer in one metal than another, ultimately affecting the quality of the ingot. Also, if impurities are trapped in the ingot, they, too, eventually become part of the finished coils of metal from which the coin blanks are made.

If these impurities do find their way into the blanks, the coins produced



A blank used in making half dollars exhibits flaking and peeling, the result of improperly mixing the alloy. The half dollar shown was struck on a similar blank.



Split planchets typically display a striated texture. This Jefferson nickel was struck on a defective blank that split after passing through the coinage press. Only the obverse remained, though a ghost-image of the reverse is evident on the back.



This 5-cent piece was struck on a planchet that split before striking. The rough striations remained after the blank passed through the press because the planchet was thinner than normal and not enough metal was present to form up a properly struck coin.

MANY VARIATIONS OF laminated planchet errors are prized by collectors. Some specimens are extremely common and can be spotted quite easily in pocket change.

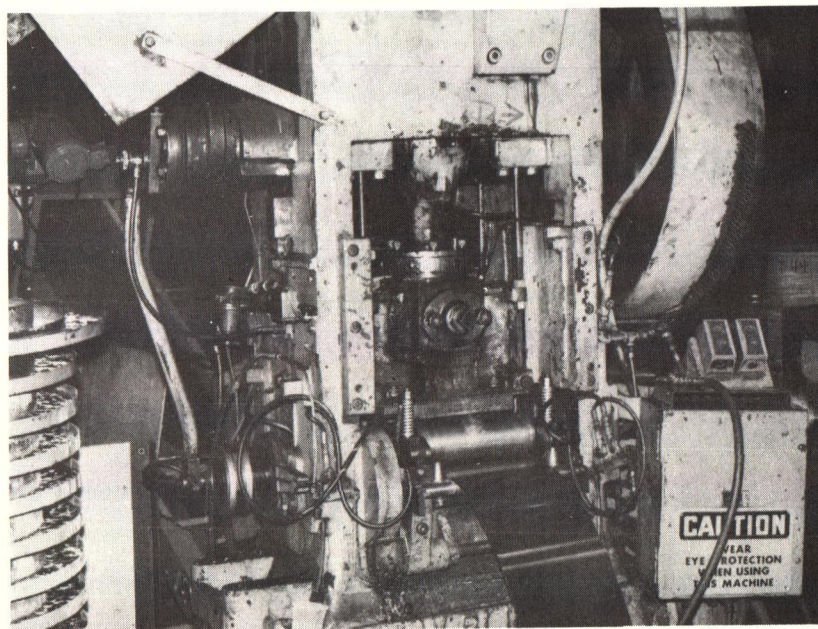
from them will have major defects. The error most often caused by this kind of malfunction is the "laminated planchet error." In this case, because the metal is not homogeneous, it is likely to flake, peel or break up after the coin is struck.

Many variations of laminated planchet errors are prized by collectors. Some specimens are extremely common and can be spotted quite easily in pocket change. Others are fairly rare and usually are found by careful searching through mint-sewn bags of freshly struck coins.

Particularly rare are coins that have split crosswise after being struck, resulting in two round halves that, when mated, form a complete coin. A similar type is the "clamshell" error. Here the coin is almost split apart but is held together by a metal "hinge." These are quite dramatic and usually are highly sought by error collectors.

Incomplete Planchets

THE METAL STRIP produced from the rolled ingots is passed through a machine known as a blanking press. From the strip the press punches discs of metal. The blanking press has a series of ganged punches that produce



A strip of metal is guided into the blanking press by a large roller.

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anywhere from 10 to 24 blanks with each down-stroke. After every punching cycle, the strip is propelled forward and the process is repeated, with the punches stamping blanks out of the next section of metal strip.

When this operation malfunctions, the popular "clipped planchet" error results. However, the term "clipped planchet" is incorrect; actually, such an error should be called an "incomplete planchet." Nevertheless, the stubbornness of most collectors and dealers has made "clipped planchet" a universally accepted term, regardless of the technical inaccuracy of the title.

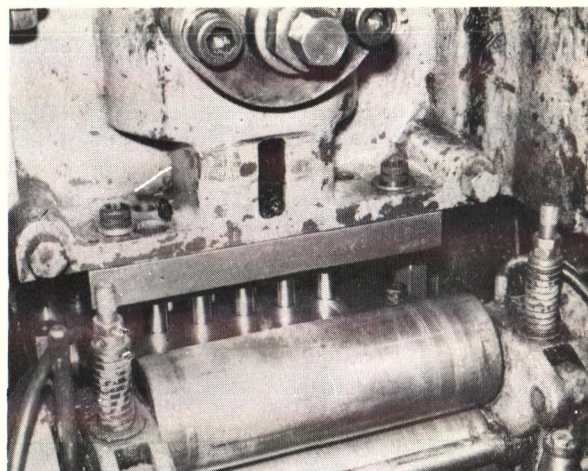
An incomplete planchet occurs when the strip being fed into the blanking press is not propelled forward properly. In this situation, planchets are created from portions of strip that already have been punched. The ganged punches hit previous holes in the strip, thus producing incorrectly shaped blanks with missing areas of metal. These incomplete planchets eventually may make their way through the coinage presses and become collectible errors.

If the strip happens to weave sideways in the blanking press (for any of a dozen different reasons) and the punches overlap the edge of the strip, an incomplete planchet with a straight edge results. Should the end of the strip pass under the punches, an "end of strip clip" or "ragged clip" is produced. Many variations of these types are possible, and planchets often exhibit more than one clip or type of clip.

Type 1 and Type 2 Blanks

ONCE THE COINAGE blanks are punched from the metal strips, they are passed through an "upset mill," a machine that crimps the raw edge of the blank to form a raised rim. Before a planchet is subjected to the upset mill it is flat and featureless and known as a "type 1" blank. After undergoing this crimping action, however, a planchet with a raised rim is known as a "type 2" blank.

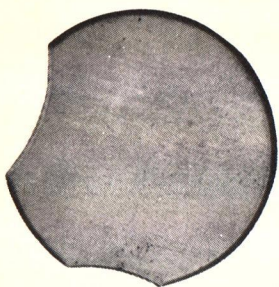
The upset mill actually "work hardens" the edge of the blank, thus increasing the life expectancy of the finished coin. If this stage is omitted, coins can still be made, but the rims will be softer and more susceptible to wear.



Ganged punches in the blanking press are poised above a metal strip.



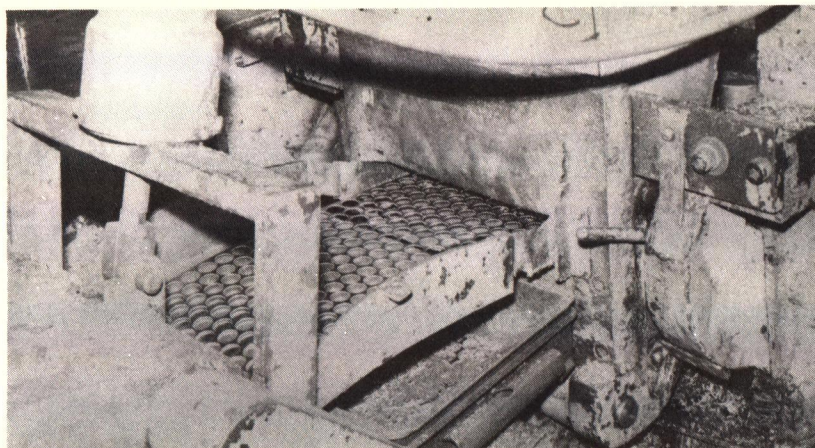
An incomplete, or clipped, planchet is created when the metal strip is not propelled through the blanking press properly. This blank includes part of a hole from the previous punch. If an incomplete planchet makes its way to the coining press, it could result in the Jefferson nickel error shown here.



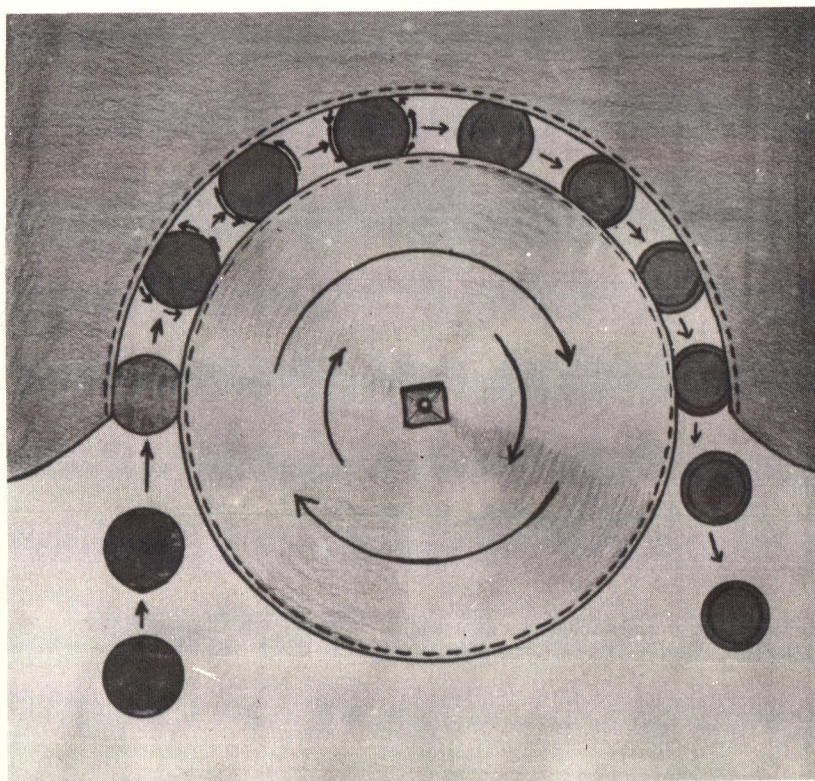
Called a "double curved clip," this incomplete planchet occurred when the punches in the blanking press straddled two previously punched holes. The Kennedy half dollar pictured here is typical of coins struck on such blanks.



Though uncommon, an incomplete planchet with three curved clips is caused when the punches in the blanking press straddle three previously punched holes.



A metal strip, from which planchets have been punched, emerges from the blanking press. The punched-out strip is saved and later re-melted to make new strip.



A simplified representation of the upset mill shows how blanks enter at the left and emerge with raised rims at the right.

COLLECTORS OFTEN SEEK to obtain type 1 and type 2 blanks of various denominations as part of their error-coin type sets.

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Collectors often seek to obtain type 1 and type 2 blanks of various denominations as part of their error-coin type sets. Such blanks manage to survive the coining process usually because a faulty feeder mechanism in the coinage press allows the blank to pass through without being struck. Since the blanks are the same general shape as a finished coin, they slip through the counting machines and screening devices rather easily.

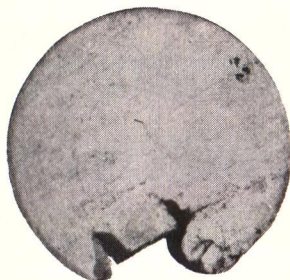
Once fed through the upset mill, the planchets are carried to the annealing and washing machines. First the blanks are annealed, or tempered, by "relaxing" the internal molecular structure of the metal. Using a gas-fueled fire, the annealing process brings the temperature of the blanks almost to the melting point and then cools them slowly. The blanks then are passed through a solution that removes stains and tarnish. At this point, the blanks are bright and shiny, and ready for the coinage press.

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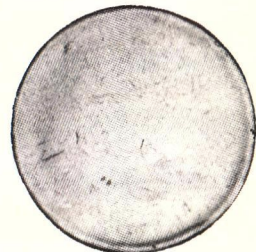
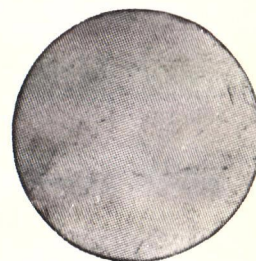


A straight-edge clip results when the metal strip weaves sideways as it passes through the blanking press, causing the punches to hit the edge of the strip.

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If the end of the metal strip is allowed to pass under the punches, an "end of strip clip," or "ragged clip," is produced. No two ragged clip coins are ever alike.



A "type 1" planchet (top) is flat and featureless, while a "type 2" planchet exhibits a raised rim.

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Crusaders against a Misunderstood Disease

Medals issued by American organizations recognize efforts to alleviate the stigma and suffering associated with leprosy.

FEW DISEASES HAVE been as fraught with misunderstanding and prejudice as leprosy. The word "leprosy" is rooted in the Greek "lepra," meaning "scale." So-called Biblical leprosy was almost certainly a generic term for various types of disfiguring skin afflictions. The ancient Hebrews considered the disease a punishment for sin, an attitude that persisted for centuries. In Leviticus we find the injunction that "whosoever shall be defiled with the leprosy" shall be made to "dwell alone without the camp."

In the Middle Ages, leprosy often was confused with venereal disease. The Christian Church at that time had a special "Leper's Mass" (Mass of St. Lazarus), in which the victim was declared legally dead, stripped of his possessions, and ostracized from the community. Persons diagnosed with leprosy at any time from antiquity up to this century suffered a common fate: isolation, whether driven out by neighbors or forcibly segregated in "leper colonies."

Until development of sulfa drugs in the 1940s, there was no effective treatment for the disease. Medically known as Hansen's Disease (HD), after Gerhard Henrik Armauer Hansen, a Norwegian scientist who isolated the causative agent *Mycobacterium leprae* in 1873, leprosy remains a major public health problem in many parts of the world. Today, an estimated 10 to 20 million cases are known worldwide, with approximately 6,000 cases in the United States.

The disease affects the skin and peripheral nerves and frequently involves the eyes, larynx and mucous membranes, particularly the nasopharynx. Destruction of peripheral nervous tissue causes loss of thermal and tactile sense. Severe pain often accompanies the disease. HD itself is seldom fatal;

by Dennis F. Marr
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patients usually succumb to another infection as a result of their weakened condition.

The infectiousness of HD can be virtually eliminated if a multi-drug therapy program is instituted at an early stage. Most medical experts hesitate to speak of a "cure" for leprosy; it is more commonly felt that responsive cases can be put into remission. An estimated 90 percent of the world's population is naturally immune to the disease.

In spite of often harsh treatment, victims of HD have been the beneficiaries of organized efforts to meet their needs. As early as A.D. 549, bishops were directed to provide food and clothing for the afflicted. By the 13th century, most European town districts had at least one lazaretto, also called a lazear house, a public hospital for sufferers of leprosy. When soldiers returned from the Crusades with the disease, Christians felt a need to disassociate leprosy from sin.

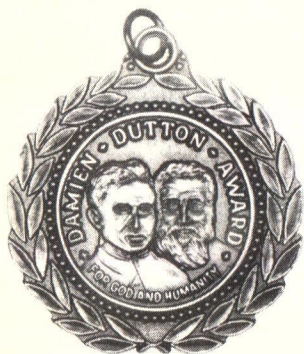
This attitudinal change formed the basis for the compassionate view of victims that is so evident in the numerous organizations working against leprosy today. Caring for the suffering often carries an aspect of missionary zeal, as reflected in the Christian emphasis of many of these organizations. In the long history of leprosy, for every tragedy caused by fear or ignorance there is an uplifting story of selfless, compassionate behavior. Many individuals have devoted their entire lives to studying this disease or comforting its victims.

The following United States-based organizations, dedicated to various aspects of leprosy work, are known to have issued medals as souvenirs, awards, or expressions of gratitude to benefactors. These organizations deserve support and admiration for their efforts to eradicate leprosy and the fear and prejudice surrounding it.

Damien-Dutton Society for Leprosy Aid, Inc.

THE DAMIEN-DUTTON SOCIETY, headquartered in Bellmore, New York, had its origins in the experiences of its founder, Sergeant Howard E. Crouch. While serving in the United States Army Medical Corps during World War II, Crouch spent three years in Jamaica. At the time, a small band of Marist nuns was tending to 200 patients at a "Lepers' Home" on the outskirts of Spanish Town. Staffing the hospital was Sister Mary Augustine, who had left government service to enter the Marist Order, pronouncing her vows in 1939 and preparing for service in the South Pacific. After the attack on Pearl Harbor she was posted to the Caribbean.

Seeing the need for additional support of those working to help leprosy victims, Crouch founded the Damien-Dutton Society to provide funds for



Those honored with the Damien-Dutton Award include Perry Burgess (1956), President John F. Kennedy (1965), the Peace Corps (1966), Paul and Margaret Brand (1977), and Mother Teresa (1984).

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medical, rehabilitative, research and educational programs related to Hansen's Disease, both in the United States and around the world. Named for the famous "Heroes of Molokai"—Father Damien (Joseph de Veuster) and his successor at the Molokai leprosy settlement, Brother Dutton (Ira, later Joseph Dutton)—the Damien-Dutton Society today is a major force in leprosy work. Sister Mary Augustine serves as the Society's director, and Crouch as president. The Society's Advisory Board and International Award Committee comprises a distinguished group of medical, religious and lay persons.

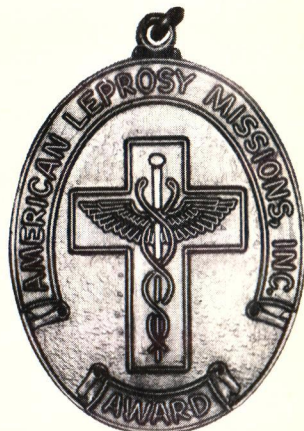
Each year since 1953 the Damien-Dutton Society has issued an award medal to recognize contributions made to leprosy work by an individual or organization. The uniface, 50mm medal was designed by Sister Mary Augustine and sculpted by Robert Amandola of Massachusetts. The high-relief medal features facing busts of Father Damien and Brother Dutton, together with the legend DAMIEN-DUTTON-AWARD/FOR GOD AND HUMANITY, encircled by a border of beads and branches. To date, 44 pieces have been struck in bronze by Josten's of Chicago. The recipient also is presented a plaque bearing the same design as the medallion, produced each year by L. Johnson, Inc. of Freeport, New York.

Damien-Dutton Award recipients form an interesting and varied group. First to receive the award was Stanley Stein, a long-term patient at the U.S. Hansen's Disease Center at Carville, Louisiana, who originated *The Carville Star*, a patient-produced publication that is issued bimonthly and distributed worldwide. The publication's motto is to "radiate the light of truth on Hansen's Disease," and Stein is remembered as a towering figure in that fight.

American Leprosy Missions, Inc.

THE AMERICAN LEPROSY Missions, Inc. (ALM) of Elmwood Park, New Jersey, is a Christian organization dedicated to the eradication of leprosy, with an emphasis on bringing multi-drug treatment to as many of the world's afflicted as possible. Founded in 1907, the ALM has grown steadily, and since that time has brought its multi-drug therapy to tens of thousands of patients. Through a vigorous fund-raising campaign, including television appeals, the ALM in 1986 raised nearly \$8 million for its work, providing program and research grants in 31 nations. The importance of this endeavor cannot be overstated, as leprosy can be rendered virtually non-contagious shortly after such treatment is begun.

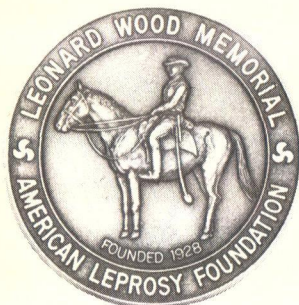
The American Leprosy Missions Award is a handsome, bronze uniface medal measuring 50 x 41mm. The medal's design consists of a caduceus



Since 1976, the American Leprosy Missions, Inc. has presented a uniface bronze medal to supporters, key staff members and others who have made outstanding contributions to alleviating the problems of those who suffer from Hansen's Disease.

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General Leonard Wood, who took an active interest in halting the spread of leprosy in the Philippines, is depicted on a uniface brass medal authorized by the American Leprosy Foundation.

enclosed by a cross; two scrolls carry the inscriptions AMERICAN LEPROSY MISSIONS, INC. and AWARD. For presentation, the medal is usually affixed to a plaque. Little Falls Trophy Shop in Little Falls, New Jersey, was commissioned to strike 75 pieces in August 1975 and another 50 pieces in August 1978.

Initiated in 1976, the ALM award was established to honor individuals who have made outstanding contributions to assist those suffering from leprosy. Over the years, the medal also has been presented to special friends of ALM and, on occasion, to key staff members. No list of recipients has been maintained.

Leonard Wood Memorial (American Leprosy Foundation)

THE LEONARD WOOD Memorial of Rockville, Maryland, also known as the American Leprosy Foundation, originally was founded by Perry Burgess in 1927 as the American Committee for the Eradication of Leprosy. Burgess initially focused attention on the problem of leprosy in the Philippine Islands, location of the famous Culion Leper Colony, whose resident patients numbered 7,000 at the peak of its operation.

U.S. Army General Leonard Wood, while serving as Governor General of the Philippines when it was under U.S. sovereignty, took an active interest in leprosy as a public health problem. He succeeded in obtaining large sums of money for leprosy work from the Bureau of Health. When Wood died, Burgess changed the name of the American Committee for the Eradication of Leprosy to the Leonard Wood Memorial (LWM) for the Eradication of Leprosy.

Today, in addition to its work in the Philippines, the LWM sponsors workshops for scientists, leprologists and students of infectious diseases from all over the world. Many scientific pioneers in the field have been associated with the organization. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1984, the LWM expended just over \$600,000 on research programs and scientific support services.

A 64mm, brass uniface medal/paperweight issued by the Leonard Wood Memorial features a depiction of General Wood on horseback facing left, based on a famous painting by Frederic Remington. One hundred examples, struck by Harbuang Corporation in Seoul, Korea, were made available to friends of the LWM.

National Hansen's Disease Center

THE NATIONAL HANSEN'S Disease Center in Carville, Louisiana, is among the preeminent research and treatment facilities in the world

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devoted exclusively to HD, and operates under the aegis of the U.S. Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services. The Center had its origins in 1917 when, on February 3, a law was signed authorizing the establishment of a National Leprosarium. Its execution was delayed, however, by the United States' entry into World War I. On January 3, 1921, the U.S. government purchased the Louisiana Lepers' Home from the State of Louisiana, and on February 1 of that year the American flag was raised over the institution.

In honor of the late Congressman Gillis W. Long, a long-time supporter of the Center, the Center's name was officially changed in 1986 to Gillis W. Long Hansen's Disease Center. At the present time, the Center provides care for some 215 resident patients. Some of the giants of HD work have been associated with Carville, including Dr. Paul Brand, a pioneer in reconstructive surgery, and his wife, Dr. Margaret Brand, an ophthalmologist with notable expertise in the many eye disorders associated with HD.

Each year since 1982, the Center has authorized production of 5,000 Mardi Gras doubloons. The doubloons bear designs selected through a competition held at the Center. Submissions by Dr. Catherine Murray, staff physician, and Josie Major of the Training Branch were chosen for the obverse and reverse, respectively. The obverse features a nine-banded armadillo (*Dasypus novemcinctus*, the animal most often used in HD research) and the legend DASYPUS NOVEMCINCTUS/MARDI GRAS. The Center's administration building, formerly part of a plantation, is depicted on the reverse, with the date 1921 below and the legend NATIONAL HANSEN'S DISEASE CENTER/CARVILLE, LOUISIANA. The 1987 doubloon reflects the Center's name change.

The doubloons are datable by color, which is changed annually: silver (1982), purple (1983), green (1984), gold (1985), red (1986) and blue (1987). Because of a shortage of funds, no doubloons were produced for Mardi Gras 1988, although the Center anticipates resumption of the series in 1989.

In 1982 the Center issued a limited-edition, 39mm medal bearing the same designs as the Mardi Gras doubloons, except that a date was added. An issue of 250 sterling silver proofs was struck by Creative Coins of Metairie, Louisiana, and reserved for friends of the Center. To commemorate the Center's renaming in 1986, Dr. John R. Trautman, assistant surgeon general and Carville director, approved the striking of 50 sterling



A special sterling proof medal issued in 1982 by the National Hansen's Disease Center in Carville, Louisiana, features a nine-banded armadillo, the animal most often used in HD research, on the obverse, and the Center's administration building on the reverse.

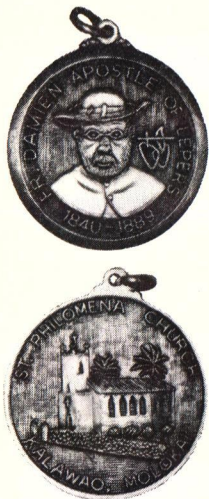
silver proofs bearing the new name; 30 of these were made available to boosters outside the Center.

Damien Museum and Archives

THE DAMIEN MUSEUM and Archives in Honolulu, Hawaii, is a repository of information and memorabilia pertaining to the life and work of Father Damien (1840-89), a Belgian missionary who attended to the spiritual and physical needs of lepers on the island of Molokai from 1873 until his death. Regrettably, the archives have yet to be organized because of a lack of funding. The story of Damien's work among the lepers is awe-inspiring; it can only be hoped that the archives are soon put in order, thereby facilitating further meaningful research.

The Museum has made available a 27mm pewter medal designed by Lee Fenstermaker II, with dies executed by Terry Huang. Although undated, the medal was produced in 1981, struck in an edition of 2,000 by Doris Lee Enterprises of Honolulu.

Featured on the obverse is a facing bust of Father Damien, with conjoined hearts representative of his order, the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, appearing in the field at right. The encircling legend reads FR. DAMIEN APOSTLE OF LEPERS/1840-1889. On the reverse is a rendering of Damien's church, with the legend ST. PHILOMENA CHURCH/KALAWAO, MOLOKAI.



Father Damien, a Belgian priest who strove for better treatment of lepers on the Hawaiian island of Molokai, is portrayed on the obverse of a medal available from the Damien Museum and Archives in Honolulu. His church, St. Philomena's, is shown on the reverse.

Epilog

AS PART OF a plan to bring services to outpatients with HD in northern California, in 1987 the U.S. Public Health Service proposed the establishment of HD services at a clinic in the town of Alviso, north of San Francisco. An outpouring of community protests, likened by one observer to a "lynch mob," coupled with threats of resignations by clinic staff if forced to treat HD patients, caused the Public Health Service to abandon the plan. Reflecting on the attitude shown toward sufferers of Hansen's Disease, one involved professional said: "after all of the negative publicity that has been going on, what HD patient would come out here?"

Acknowledgment

MY COLLECTING COLLEAGUE, Dr. John Grost of El Paso, Texas, first brought many of these medals to my attention. Although I already studied and collected leprosarium money, seeing Grost's best-of-show exhibit at the 1985 International Numismatic Convention inspired me to pursue leprosy-related medals as well. •

Owner of an accounting and tax practice in Troy, New York, Dennis F. Marr has won several exhibit awards for his display of leprosaria numismatica. A collector since 1970, Marr also enjoys British and papal issues. He is a Fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society and holds membership in the American Numismatic Society, Token and Medal Society and Philippine Collectors Society.

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by B. Michael Thorne
ANA 67880

It began like any other day. I ate breakfast, dressed, and left for the office. A couple of hours later my wife arrived at my office unexpectedly with an odd question.

"Were you in an accident on the way to work?"

"Of course not," I said. "Why do you ask?"

Not long after I left the house, it seems, my wife got a call from a man identifying himself as an officer with the local police department. "Mrs. Thorne," he said, "your husband has had a little car accident and is at the hospital. Nothing serious, but he wants you to come to the emergency room."

Without questioning the validity of the call, my wife locked the carport door, left our infant son with a neighbor, and rushed to the hospital. There she discovered that the call had been a hoax, but she decided to check up on me to make sure.

"What a cruel practical joke," she said. But it was more than that.

When I got home that afternoon, I discovered the purpose of the call. There in the study, at the bottom of the closet, lay the remnants of my coin collection.

Before the police arrived, I searched the rest of the house to assay the extent of our losses. Other than the coins, the only items missing were a pistol, kept in the nightstand next to our bed, and a new briefcase we had bought for my father-in-law. A stamp collection in the same closet was not taken. (Actually, it was only a matter of luck that I was not cleaned out. We had just returned from a trip, and I had put my best coins in the attic before leaving. Fortunately, I did not have time to bring them back down to the closet.)

The police? Well, I can laugh about their "investigation" now, but at the time it was not funny. Two detectives arrived on the scene looking like Mutt and Jeff. The short one was the leader; he had previously worked undercover as a narcotics agent. When I asked about fingerprints on some discarded plastic drawers that had been emptied of coins, the "ex-narc" told me that prints could not be lifted from smooth surfaces. (From watching TV and movies, I had the impression that smooth surfaces were good for prints.)

After learning that my wife and I had not searched the entire house, the detectives reached the surprising conclusion that the burglar might still be on the premises. With guns drawn, they shouldered their way into one of the bathrooms and ripped aside the shower curtain. Empty, of course.

"Let's look for the point of entry," the leader said, and the two quickly found that the door to the carport had been pried open with a screwdriver. For some reason this was not good enough and, continuing the search, one investigator found suspicious footprints outside a window at the back of the house. (They turned out to be the prints of our cocker spaniel!)

Because so little had been disturbed in the house, the police decided that the burglary must have been an inside job and asked, "Which of your friends knows about your collection?" When I replied that one of my colleagues knew of it, he became a suspect, along with neighbors, babysitters and a pest-control man.

My wife and I were left with the advice to check with our neighbors to see if they had witnessed anything suspicious that morning. Even though I was able to furnish the police with the serial number of the stolen pistol, I never heard any more from them. I did, however, manage to piece together the probable sequence of events.

First of all, I am positive that the thieves were not local. In checking at a filling station just outside our housing subdivision, I learned that a car with out-of-state license plates had stopped at the appropriate time, and the driver had asked to use a telephone directory. After making a call, he and a companion waited for a few minutes before driving off in the direction of our neighborhood. Why did they wait? No doubt to give my wife time to leave for the hospital.

Next, the thieves drove past our house and parked a short distance away. One of the two walked back to the house and, using a screwdriver, gained access through the carport. How was he able to locate my collection so quickly without a thorough search? Well, if you think about it, it is really no mystery. A collection is not likely to be found in a bathroom, child's room, living room or kitchen. In our house, that leaves the family room, master bedroom and study.

In my mind's eye, I see the burglar slip into the family room and open the closet to discover coats and nothing else. From there, he hurries into the bedroom and finds the pistol next to the bed. He is now armed. In the study he strikes pay dirt. There, at the top of the closet, he finds what

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he is looking for. He spots the briefcase, fills it with coins and the gun, and leaves the same way he came. Total time in the house? Five minutes, ten tops.

For good measure, the burglar stands in the driveway, holding the briefcase, and waves back at the house as though he were saying goodbye to my wife. How do I know about the farewell wave? A neighbor saw him.

Why was I singled out? Well, I had run an ad in the trading section of a large weekly coin paper, unwisely listing my home address. Of all the potential victims advertising in the paper, I had several things going for me. Mainly, I live in a small town.

You might ask, "What is wrong with that?" There are many advantages to small-town life, but some things about it may tempt the professional coin thief. Small-town residents are likely to be less cautious than their big-city counterparts. Less caution is translated into inadequate locks or unlocked doors, coins kept at home instead of in safe-deposit boxes, and police relatively inexperienced in investigating professional crimes. Then too, small-town folks are likely to be more trusting than people in higher crime areas. Like my wife, they may be easier to fool, too.

If you collect coins and live in a small town, what message should you get from my story? Buy dead bolt or auxiliary locks, and use them. Keep your valuable items in bank safe-deposit boxes. Less expensive items should be stored in a locking file cabinet or safe, located in an obscure part of your home. I would not recommend the attic as a secure storage area, either. In my case, the collection in the closet was found relatively easily and the burglar apparently was satisfied. If he had not found it there, he probably would have continued searching.

If anyone knows you collect coins, be sure they also know that you do not keep coins at home. Do not advertise your home address; if you want to buy, sell or trade coins, rent a post-office box. Invest a few dollars a year to insure your collection. The American Numismatic Association, for example, sponsors an all-risk collection insurance plan, covering losses from theft, burglary and natural catastrophes at low group rates.

Finally, temper your trusting nature with a bit of caution. If someone calls to lure you away from your home, if possible, check their credentials before you bite. The collection you save may be your own. •

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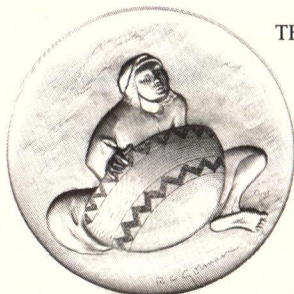
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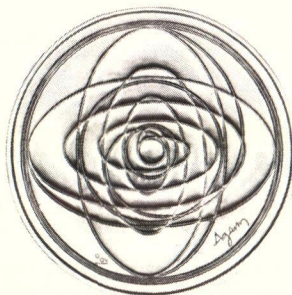
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A Date for All Reasons

Why did New England colonists inscribe their "tree" coinage with the date 1652 for 30 years?

by William Justin DeLeonardis
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THE FIRST NATIVE coinage of the United States, the tree coins of Massachusetts, holds special interest for the devotee of early American numismatics. The enigma as to why the date, 1652, appeared unchanged throughout the 30-year history of the "Massachusetts money," save for the twopence dated 1662, still excites speculation.

Popularly explained, the colonists wanted to create the appearance that the money was issued during the period of the British Commonwealth, because minting coins was an invasion of royal prerogative, and during the Commonwealth there was no king on the throne. In 1649 King Charles I had been beheaded, and England was proclaimed a republic, with Oliver Cromwell later named as Lord Protector.

It is unlikely, however, that the absence of a king on the throne of England served as motivation for dating coins 1652, because British authorities were well-aware that the colonists openly coined money. In fact, after the Restoration of the monarchy, King Charles II, who reigned from 1661 to 1685, reportedly was shown examples of coins minted in Massachusetts and was told that the oak tree shown on the obverse commemorated the tree in which he hid to escape Cromwell's troops. Put in a good humor by this story, the king called the colonists a "parcel of honest dogs."

A more plausible explanation for the extended use of the date relates to the year of the coins' authorization. In 1652 the General Court of Massachusetts Colony ordered the minting of shillings, sixpence and threepence. In 1662 it ordered minting of the twopence denomination. The shilling, sixpence and threepence bear the date 1652, the twopence 1662. Documents further suggest that the date indicated the weight and fineness specified by the law authorizing issuance of the coins. Thus, the order of 1652 stipulated that "e[v]ery shilling shallbe of due weight, viz. three penny tro[y] weight, and all other peeces proportionably"; and the order of 1662 stated that the mintmaster was authorized "to coyne two pen of Siluer, in proportion according to the [j]ust vallew & alloy of monys. . ."

... MINTMASTER JOHN HULL suggested that the weight of the shilling be reduced to discourage the exportation of coins from the colony ...

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In 1680 the General Court considered a proposal to establish a "free mint" to encourage the importation of Spanish coin and bullion to be melted, refined and coined into Massachusetts money free of charges, thus alleviating the dearth of specie in the colony. In response to this proposal, Mintmaster John Hull suggested that the weight of the shilling be reduced to discourage the exportation of coins from the colony and that a *new date* be stamped on the lighter-weight coins to distinguish them from the heavier ones:

Boston, June 6, 1680.

If every shilling be made 12 graines lighter, then all those who have good Peices of eight, i.e. both of Good Silver & full weight, will advance about 7d or 7d ½ more then now they doe.

Every 12 d then to be 2 peny weight and halfe.

6 d one peny weight 6 graines.

3 d 15 graines.

2 d 10 gr.

The same fyneness to be kept, & Put a new date.

The date, therefore, had no apparent connection with the chronology of the coins, nor did it hold any particular historical or cultural significance for the Massachusetts Colony. The documentary evidence suggests, instead, that the date on the Massachusetts money corresponded to the year in which the particular denomination was authorized by law and, in an age when fiduciary money was rarely issued, served as a guarantee of the coins' weight and fineness as provided in the authorizing order of the General Court. •

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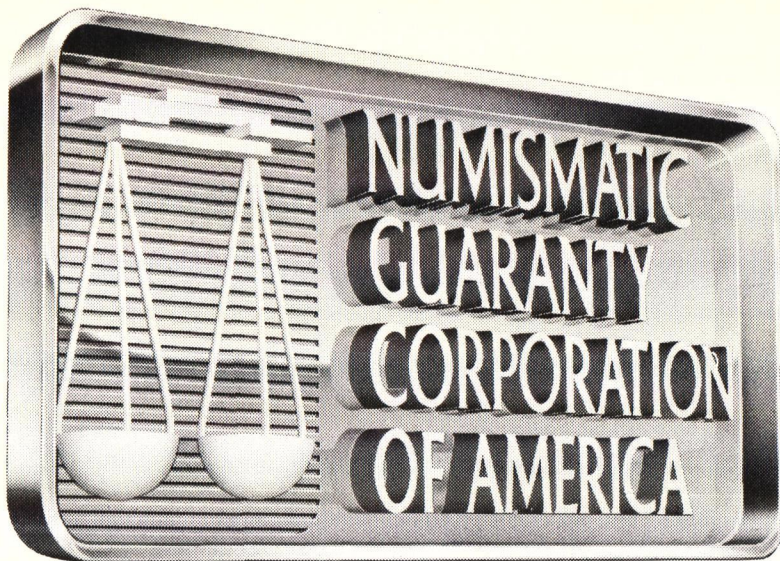
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Included in the "tree" coinage issued by the Massachusetts Colony are willow, oak and pine motifs. The pine tree coins (shown) were struck from 1667 to 1682, but always bore the date 1652.



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Collecting Indian Head Cents—Part 2

THE MOST WIDELY sought variety in the Indian Head cent series is probably the 1888/7 overdate, the only such variety known to be legitimate. Discovered by Jim Ruddy less than 20 years ago, this coin has remained rare and would be a tremendous find for any collector who routinely “cherry picks” through dealers’ stock.

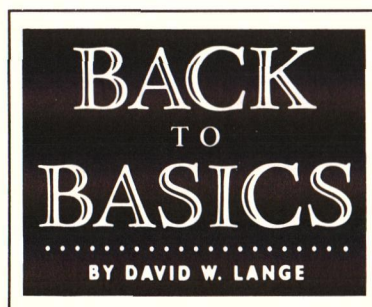
Another variety of interest is the 1894 cent with double-punched date, a nice addition to a collection of Indian Head cents. The only remaining coins of note in the series are the 1908-S and 1909-S. The first is readily available in most grades, as it was popular with collectors early on, while the 1909-S was largely overlooked in the frenzy to acquire the first Lincoln cents. Specimens of the 1909-S are quite scarce and nearly rival the 1877 issue in overall rarity. A greater portion of the extant pieces are available in the better grades.

Those seeking even more varieties to add to their collections may want to hunt down a little booklet entitled *Indian Cent Date Varieties* by Otto C. Steinberger (actually a reprint of an article that appeared in *Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine*). It lists minor varieties that exhibit different placement of the date within each year. Since the date was added by hand to each working die, it’s only natural that date position would vary; hence, I don’t consider these varieties to be of much consequence.

As mentioned last month, investors generally shy away from buying Indian Head cents because of the difficulty in preserving the full red color of MS-65 specimens. Copper and nickel coins are more reactive than those struck in silver or gold and thus are more subject

to spotting and unattractive toning.

Of course, those of us who don’t seek perfection in our coins are un-



daunted. If our cents are brown to begin with, we can more or less relax and enjoy our collections. Because this series has been overlooked in recent years, prices are reasonable, and the opportunities for collecting are promising.

For several generations of collectors, the Indian Head cent was a staple. Even if the coins had to be purchased from dealers, few coin collectors were without a set or two. This changed in the late 1960s, when emphasis shifted from date collecting to type collecting. Even more influential in diminishing the popularity of collecting by date and mint was the overriding concern with grade that emerged in the 1970s.

Prices in this series have remained fairly stable during the past 10 years, with almost no change noted among the popular grades. The 1978 edition of the Red Book shows common-date Indians priced at \$5 in Extremely Fine (EF) and \$34 in Uncirculated; the 1988 Red Book lists these coins for \$7 and \$34, respectively. Thus, Indian Head cents are either a poor investment or an excellent opportunity, depending on your outlook. I support the latter premise.

Assembling a complete set of Indian

Head cents that is well-matched in grade and color is desirable, but most collectors must compromise a bit. Specimens struck in the late 1860s and early 1870s are costly in all grades, as are the 1877 and 1909-S. I propose that assembling a set that grades Fine throughout is a reasonable goal.

This set would include a coin of each date, from 1859 to 1909, as well as the two S-mint issues. The only varieties to be included are the three issues of 1864: the copper-nickel cent, and the bronze cents with and without the designer’s initial “L.” With the aid of my Red Book and a calculator, I find that the cost of such a set is \$1,216.95. If this amount is spread out over a few years, you’ll find it very affordable, regardless of your collecting budget. Since all Philadelphia Mint cents struck after 1887 are fairly inexpensive, you may want to collect them in EF. This would raise your cost per



Late in 1864, Longacre’s initial, “L,” was placed inconspicuously on the ribbon about Liberty’s head, creating a scarce variety. The “L” is rotated 90 degrees to the right.

set to \$1,354.55—still within reach.

As with the set of Mercury dimes we assembled in February's column, the difficulty in collecting a full set of Indian Head cents lies not so much in paying for them as it does in finding them. Pieces dated after 1887 usually are available in all grades, up to and including MS-60. The possible exceptions are the 1894 and 1909-S, which are more elusive. Copper-nickel cents are similarly available, with only the 1861 and 1864 issues being a bit harder to locate.

The 1864 "L" variety is very hard to find, and the letter must be clearly visible for the coin to be worth its price. All dates from 1866 through 1879 are scarce, their catalog prices being fairly good indicators of their relative availability. The 1877 cent is, of course, a true rarity, and it may be

more practical to acquire this key date in a lower grade, as such specimens are less expensive and more easily located.

Although I generally don't recommend buying collector coins in grades below Fine, exceptions can be made in the case of key coins, which are consistently in demand in all grades. The toughest Indian Head cents to acquire may prove to be those dated 1869 through 1872. It seems these cents are favorites among some collectors who seek individual specimens and are not attempting to complete a set—a likely indicator that these dates are undervalued in current catalogs. As with other series of U.S. coins, it is not uncommon for dealers to stash away semi-key coins rather than offer them on the market.

You may find it worthwhile to pay a premium over catalog values for

problem-free specimens. Experienced collectors always prefer "original" specimens, that is, coins that have never been cleaned. Many "red" and "red and brown" Indians in the marketplace have been cleaned and then artificially toned. These are not desirable, and only through experience and exposure to as many coins and coin dealers as possible can you develop such discriminatory skill.

One problem I have yet to touch upon is that most albums designed for this series also include spaces for Flying Eagle cents. Although there is nothing intrinsically bad about these coins, their inclusion in albums often leaves collectors with a gaping hole where the 1856 cent should go. This coin is clearly beyond the reach of the typical collector, and the lack of it may spoil the presentation of a set. •

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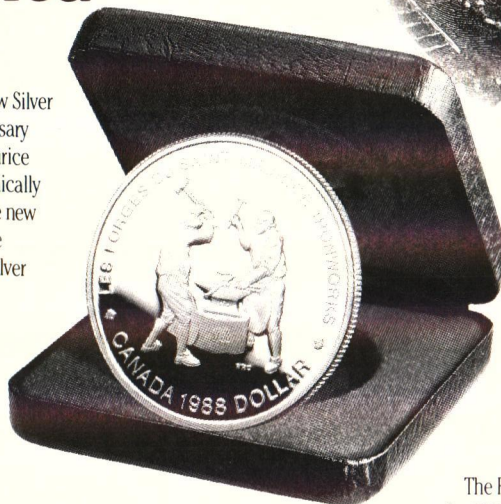
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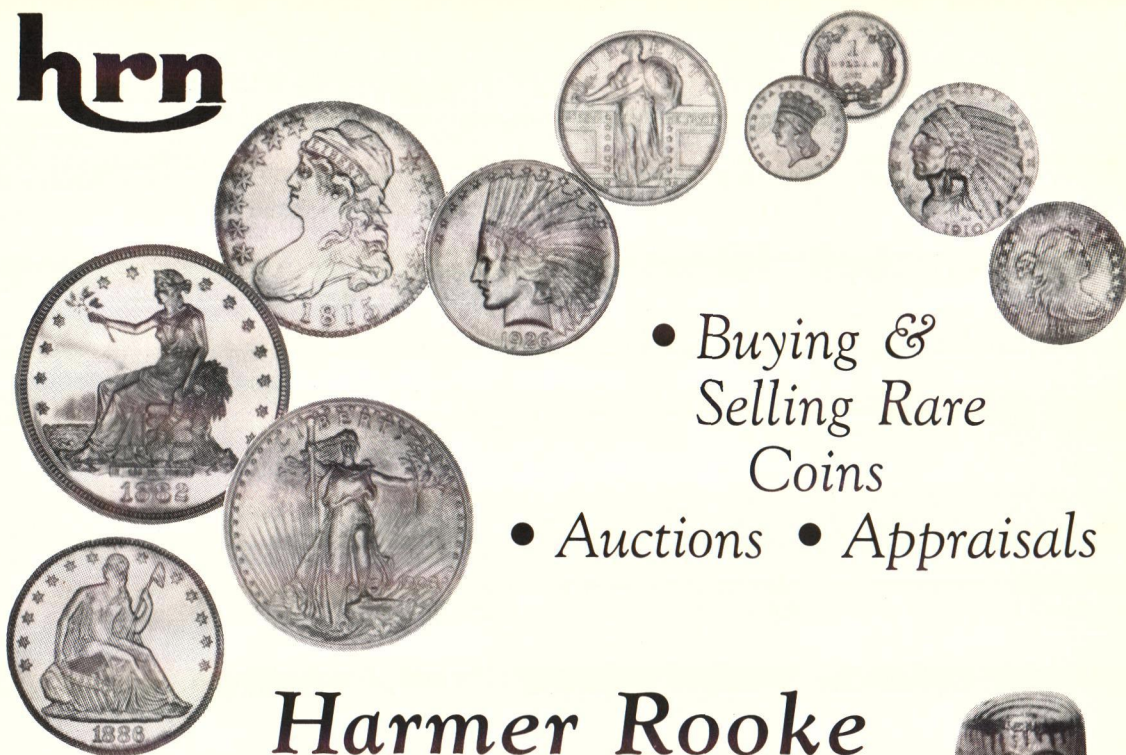


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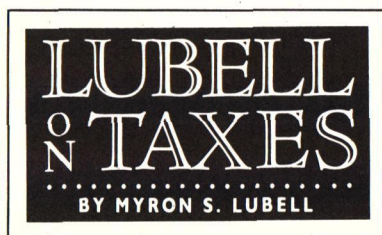
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You must be able to prove that the payments are legitimate wages and that a bona fide employment relationship exists. Salaries and wages are allowable tax deductions if they are reasonable in amount and based on services actually rendered. To help ensure the deduction, make payments directly to your children, not to their college or creditors. Other requirements for claiming a deduction include appropriate entry in the books and records of your business. The importance of keeping proper records of business expenses cannot be overemphasized—the burden of proof is on the taxpayer.

Besides the increased income tax deductions, there are additional benefits. If, for example, you are a self-employed coin dealer (not operating as a corporation) and your children are under 21 years of age, the wages you pay them are not subject to FICA (Social Security) or Federal Unemployment taxes. Therefore, your business need not withhold for or pay these taxes on your children's wages. You also can take advantage of these benefits when other family members are legitimately working in your business. This does not apply, however,

when children hire parents. Wages paid to a parent are subject to FICA taxes that must be withheld, but such



wages are not subject to Federal Unemployment taxes.

Suppose that Steve Jackson owns the Newton Coin Shop. He hires his son Glen, a 16-year-old student, during the summer months and pays the minimum wage for the hours he works. Both Steve and Glen benefit. Because Glen will earn less than the allowable Standard Deduction (\$2,540 in 1987 and \$3,000 in 1988), he may claim exempt status and, therefore, have no taxes withheld. Correspondingly, Steve receives a business deduction for the wages paid and, because these distributions are not subject to FICA or Federal Unemployment taxes, he saves even more.

The wages paid to Glen qualify as "earned income"; thus, even if they should exceed the Standard Deduction and become subject to taxation, they likely will fall in the lowest tax bracket and will be taxed at only 11 percent in 1987 and 15 percent in 1988.

The question as to whether amounts paid as compensation are reasonable and represent payments purely "for services rendered" must be resolved on the basis of all surrounding facts and circumstances. If the IRS disallows a deduction for all or part of your children's wages because they are found

to be unreasonable, your children will still have to report the compensation as income, unless the disallowed wages are deemed to be a gift.

You must be careful—wages actually used by children for their own support may affect your claim for dependency exemptions. When in doubt, have your children bank their wages to ensure your deduction for the exemption.

Tax Queries

Q. I realize that since I am only a casual collector, I cannot claim a loss from the sale of coins. However, under the new "passive loss" rules included in the Tax Reform Act of 1986, can't I use a "passive" numismatic loss to offset passive income from dividends, interest, rent, etc.?

A. The new tax law essentially looks at numismatic losses from three different points of view:

1) Trade or business losses. Coin dealers may still deduct their losses in full, without restriction.

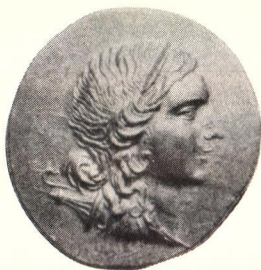
2) Hobby losses. Collectors and other individuals who do not meet the statutory requirements of "investor" may deduct numismatic losses only to the extent of related gains. Thus, a collector such as yourself can never reflect a "net loss" from numismatic activities.

3) Investment losses. Individuals who are classified as "investors" (not active in the "trade or business," but certainly more active than the casual collector) may use a net loss from their numismatic activity to offset other passive income. However, in 1988 only 40 percent of a net passive loss may be deducted from gross income. •



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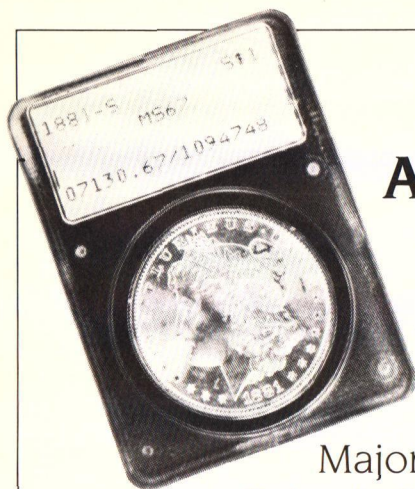
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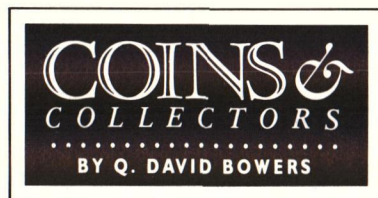
THIS MONTH'S COLUMN treats two subjects widely separated in time. The first has to do with the formation of the American Numismatic Association nearly a century ago, while the second involves a follow-up on a piece I did recently about Bob Bashlow (December 1987).

First, the American Numismatic Association's beginnings. I am in the midst of research that will lead to the publication of the Association's centennial history. I anticipate that the final volume will be several hundred pages in length, extensively illustrated, and of the 8½ x 11-inch format. Further announcements will be made by the ANA as the publication date approaches, targeted for 1991, the centennial year.

It may interest readers to know that the ANA's nativity date was October 7, 1891, when a small group of people met in Chicago to formulate an idea for a national group of coin collectors, the brainchild of Dr. George F. Heath, a Monroe, Michigan, physician and mayor. Heath somehow found time, beginning in 1888, to publish *The Numismatist*, called at the outset *The American Numismatist*, a leaflet of just four pages in length ("American" was dropped after the first issue).

Heath styled himself a rare coin dealer, and the first year of the publication was in essence a price list of his merchandise. He stated that he had approximately 3,500 coins in stock, all of which were priced to be "bargains." His motto had a P.T. Barnum flavor: "Cheaper than the cheapest." Despite the claim, at one time he had a half-price sale, so the cheaper than the cheapest was cheaper than ever!

Heath was a generous man, and as *The Numismatist* attracted an ever-widening audience, he often men-



tioned what other dealers were selling and, eventually, even allowed them to advertise. By 1891, the flavor of *The Numismatist* had changed; the offerings of coins from his stock were secondary, and *The Numismatist* had become a modest-sized magazine featuring tips on coin collecting, current news events, and, most important to posterity, an increasing call for the formation of a popular society for coin collecting.

The American Numismatic and Archaeological Society, in existence since 1858, catered to the advanced collector. By contrast, the ANA was expressly formed for the beginner, especially young people. Interestingly, from the very outset Heath and other contributors to the publication urged that coins be collected with a method in mind, in conjunction with the study of history, and that the formation of an appropriate numismatic library was essential. Indeed, much of the advice published nearly 100 years ago, if reprinted today, still would be relevant.

Between the establishment of the ANA on October 7, 1891, and the present day, much has elapsed. All of this will be chronicled in the forthcoming book. In the meantime, you can help me with the book if you have in your possession any photographs, election information, corre-

spondence, or other data pertaining to the Association, particularly if such is dated before 1940 and was not recorded previously in *The Numismatist*. Credit will be given in the finished book for all help provided. Contact me at Box 1224, Wolfeboro, NH 03894.

Now to the second subject, that of Bob Bashlow. Earlier I gave a brief biographical sketch of Bob Bashlow, a dealer who met an unfortunate end. This prompted a letter from Hans M.F. Schulman, who wrote:

I read your article about poor Bashlow. He was a friend of mine, and we did a lot of business together. He came to Spain after his trip to Portugal. I was in Spain at the time and found out additional tragic information about his death. Bob went to Zaragoza to the Hotel Corona de Aragon (Crown of Aragon), where he was to meet two dealers from Barcelona whose names I never managed to get. They planned a very early meeting in the hotel, around 7 a.m.

Bashlow was tired because of his traveling to so many places. The two Catalonians arrived in Zaragoza early, and they woke up Bashlow on the hotel telephone. At 7:30, smoke was coming out of the hotel on both the left and right sides and also from the main entrance. One of the Catalonians ran up the staircase through heavy black smoke to get Bashlow out of his room. When he and Bashlow did not come out, the second Catalonian went into the burning building. None ever came back.

Bashlow's name was in the evening daily papers as one of the foreigners who died in the fire. This was the information I obtained. I cannot guarantee the authenticity, but it was given to me by a very good source. May Bashlow rest in peace. •

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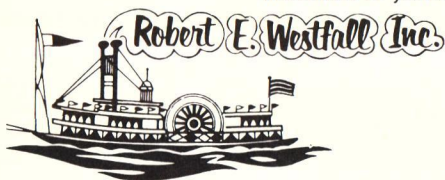
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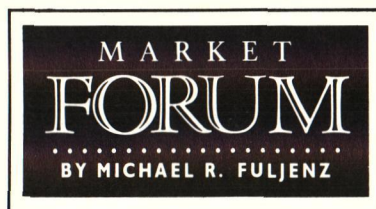
Coins certified by Numismatic Guaranty Corporation were listed for the first time in the *Certified Coin Dealer Newsletter (CCDN)*, a widely used publication that recognizes coin grades used by the American Numismatic Association Certification Service (ANACS), Numismatic Certification Institute (NCI), and Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS).

Precious Metals

On February 24, 1988, gold was selling for \$432 per ounce; silver, \$6.18; platinum, \$448; and palladium, \$118. Recent weakening in precious metals was a result of selling by producing countries; the commodity market's negativism toward recent comments by Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve System; and concern about figures released on the United States Gross National Product for the fourth quarter of 1987. Analysts are now bearish on precious metals for the short to intermediate term.

Silver Dollars

Although better-date silver dollars in higher grade are still in demand, dollars



continue to hover at levels of the past two months. Current retail indications for common-date Morgan dollars are: MS-60, \$28; MS-63, \$75; MS-64, \$150; and MS-65, \$425. An 1897-O Morgan dollar graded MS-67 by PCGS traded for a whopping \$50,000, double the levels quoted in the *CCDN*.

U.S. Gold

Prices for most U.S. gold coins have continued to soften despite declining availability. The ratio of gold bullion to the price of many U.S. gold coins is as low and attractive as it has been in a long time. Current retail indications for common date (1924, 1927, etc.) Saint-Gaudens \$20 are: MS-60, \$700; MS-63, \$1,025; MS-64, \$1,600; and MS-65, \$2,900.

U.S. Commemoratives

While some modern issues, such as the 1984-PDS Olympic \$1 sets and the Statue of Liberty gold \$5 piece, have softened, activity is still brisk for many modern U.S. issues. Earlier U.S. commemoratives have softened a bit for the more common issues, while rarer coins remain firm.

Type Coins

Type coins are still a buyers' market, although late in the evening, long-time

dealers often relate stories about some truly rare type coin they "ripped" at today's levels. Type coins are probably the all-time favorite of dealers who consider themselves numismatists. (Is this something worth thinking about?)

Foreign Numismatics

The International Numismatic Trade Organization (INTO), in an advertisement placed in the January 27, 1988, issue of *Coin World*, stated that "foremost among the potential problems which led to the formation of the International Numismatic Trade Organization was the rumored plans of various American grading services to attempt to enter the field of World Coins." Their comment points out the growing displeasure that dealers in foreign numismatics have expressed toward grading services entering their area. Foreign currency dealers I have contacted feel that grading services are making this move to compensate for revenue lost as a result of declining U.S. submissions.

A related article in the February 24, 1988, issue of *Coin World* contains a quote from the PCGS letter that prompted the INTO ad: "We want to bring standardized grading and our considerable market clout to the world coin market." Collector and investor comments should be forthcoming on this hot potato.

New Issues

Late news flash: three days following a popular television preacher's tearful confession in Louisiana, there is no sign yet of a coin series titled "Girls of the Televangelists." Just kidding, of course, but it seems everything is ending up on coins these days. •

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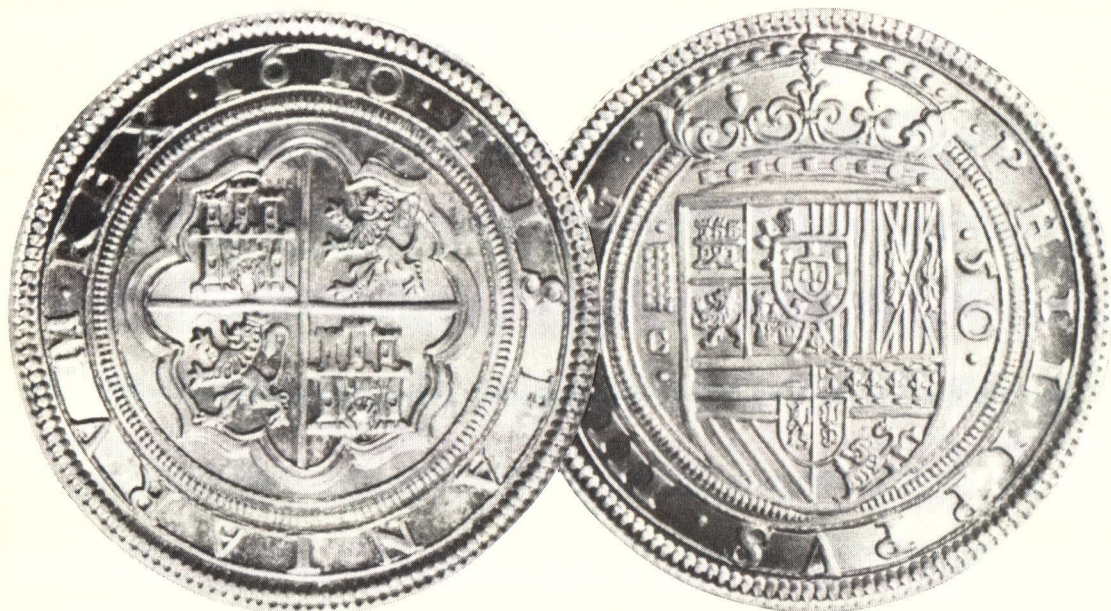
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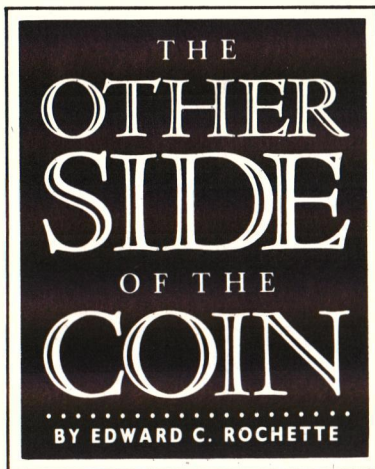
At Odds with the English Language

EDITORS PRIDE THEMSELVES on being letter-perfect. Why, then, do many persist in calling their publications "journals"? To be strictly accurate, the name "journal" should apply only to publications issued on a daily basis; in fact, the word "journal" means *daily*! Lafayette, Indiana, can correctly have its *Journal and Courier*; Rockville, Maryland, its *Montgomery Journal*; and Syracuse, New York, its *Herald-Journal*; but, etymologically speaking, a *monthly* journal—such as *The Numismatist*, the ANA's official publication—is an impossibility.

The word "journal" is derived from the French word "jour," meaning "day." What it took a day to accomplish, whether it be travel or production, was called a "journée." When the word was exported to England, it became "journey," more specifically the distance of 20 miles—the measure that a man could be expected to cover in one day's walking. If the distance a person was to travel measured 60 miles, London to Northampton, for example, it was referred to as "three journeys" or "three days' journey."

"Journal" became a term used to describe a daily record of commercial transactions. In the church it came to mean a book containing the day Hours (prayers to be said at specific times), and in transportation it meant a record of notices concerning the daily stages of a route and other information for travelers. But nowhere did it mean more than a day. In fact, in 1611 Shakespeare penned, "So please you, leave me, Sticke to your Journal course." And Spencer wrote, "... his faint steedes wated in ocean deepe, Whiles from their journal labours they did rest."

Even Charles Earle Funk, Funk and Wagnall's good word doctor, pointed out that "in strict accuracy, in this



sense of a written or printed record, the term should still apply to the occurrences of a single day, though many technical publications, perhaps issued not oftener than once a month, contain the word *journal* in their titles."

The Numismatist, often referred to as the official *journal* of the American Numismatic Association, is no exception, but don't blame Dr. George Heath for the malapropism. There were journals of numismatics, medicine, archaeology and countless other disciplines long before the good doctor from Monroe, Michigan, set his first page of type by hand. (For additional information about Heath and the beginnings of *The Numismatist*, see Q. David Bowers' "Coins and Collectors" column in this issue.)

The American Journal of Numismatics and Bulletin of the American Numismatic & Archaeological Society was introduced in May 1866. The pilot issue noted that prior to its debut, the sub-

jects of numismatics and archaeology existed without an organ or means of introduction to the public, or to those who make their study a specialty. Editor Frank H. Norton said,

... the only means for instruction, for the spread of information, or for the advancement of these sciences, in a literary point of view, has been an occasional paragraph in a weekly newspaper, or an account of some coin sale or the discovery of some ancient relic, transiently made public in the newspapers, and perhaps cut out and preserved by interested collectors.

Norton then went on to say that the *Journal* would be "punctually issued on the first day of every month"! Norton should have known better—he was a professional librarian for the Brooklyn Mercantile Library. Time evolved the numismatic-archaeological group into the American Numismatic Society.

Misuse of the word "journal" continued. In 1876 Scott & Company of New York City launched *The Coin Collector's Journal*; its publication lasted for 13 years. After a 46-year respite, Scott & Company, now Scott Stamp and Coin Company, resumed publication in April 1934 with a new Volume 1, Number 1. At the beginning, editorship was shared by Wayte Raymond and Prescott H. Thorp, and, once again, they called their publication *The Coin Collector's Journal*. As chance would have it, the magazine lasted for a like 13 years before succumbing to a more appropriately named competitor, *The Numismatic Scrapbook*.

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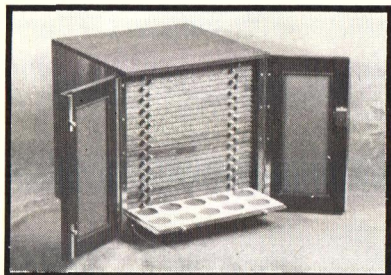


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Paper money is a branch of numismatics that, in many ways, is like its coin counterpart. However, paper cur-



BY QUOC NGUYEN

rency is sometimes more readily available than coins and quite inexpensive. How do you get started collecting paper currency? First of all, join an organization for currency collectors. I would recommend the International Bank Note Society, if you are start-

ing with world paper money, and the Society of Paper Money Collectors, if you are going into United States or Confederate States issues. Then subscribe to the newspaper dedicated solely to paper money, *The Bank Note Reporter*. Go through ads in this publication and request mailing lists.

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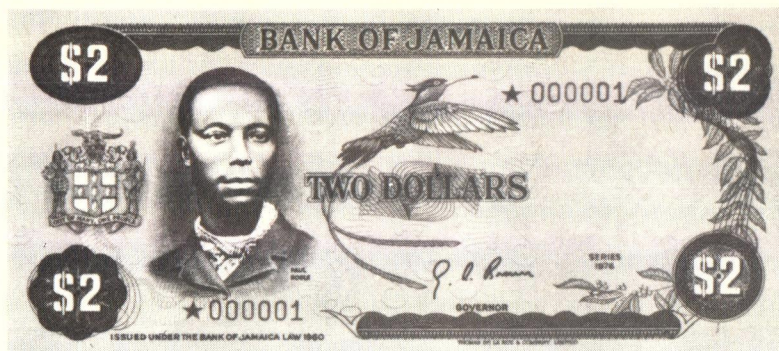
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A \$2 note, first issued by the Bank of Jamaica in 1960, exemplifies the beauty and history to be found in the study of paper money.

to attend shows. This is an especially good way to start if you have little money and are reluctant to patronize dealers who are strangers. Get to know some dealers; find out how long they have been in business and whether they have good reputations.

If you start with U.S. paper currency, I suggest you begin with low-grade material and work your way to higher grades. I also recommend that you read and learn about basic grading of notes. This information can be found in Pick's catalog. If you go into Confederate States notes, you should get the newly released, revised edition of *Confederate and Southern States Curren-*



cy by Grover Criswell. As for storing the bank notes, I recommend using 5 x 8-inch Mylar currency holders.

If you have an interest in world paper money, start out with inexpensive, uncirculated bank notes. First, try to collect a piece or two from every country. This will help you decide in what area you want to specialize.

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notice that many countries' histories (usually glorious) are depicted on the pieces. From the type of engraving, you actually can tell if a note was printed within the respective country or outside it, as is the case with most Latin American nations. (If you are interested in reading more about paper money and its beauty and historical

significance, you may want to read "The Other Central America" in this issue of *The Numismatist*, as well as "The Fine Art of Bank Note Design" in the June 1987 issue, both authored by Clovis von T. Crummett.)

The type of paper and ink can indicate if the issuing country is poor, just starting out, or in its revolutionary

stage, such as the United States was when it authorized Continental Currency. True paper money is a medium of exchange, but it also is man's way of preserving history. •

Of Vietnamese descent, Quoc Nguyen was named winner of the Ray Byrne Memorial Literary Award in 1987 for his article "Viet Minh Tin Phieu (1947-51)," which was reprinted in the "Young Numismatists" column of the December 1987 issue of THE NUMISMATIST.

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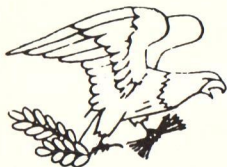
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We likely can expect to be bombarded with the same kinds of promotions used to sell Constitution medals and dozens of similar commemoratives. However, if consumers take a lesson from history, they might have a chance of getting what they pay for.

The first key to successfully purchas-

ing commemorative numismatic items is to ask yourself what kind you would like to own and why. If the answer is



that you genuinely want numismatic souvenirs of the Olympics, then by all means you should consider everything available. If your interests are more casual, but some of the coins or medals

appeal to your collector instinct, the purchases you make may become treasured keepsakes. For those collectors who form sets of all legal-tender issues dedicated to Olympic events, 1988 should be a fruitful year.

Of course, there are those who will be swayed by convincing advertisements for very special coins or medals, and they will feel it is imperative that they purchase one or more. The pieces may contain precious metals that might soon go up in value, or perhaps only a limited number of specimens are available, making them valuable collectibles. They might be offered for just a short time, or they may be so awe-

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Some advertisements might even indicate that a portion of the price will go to support Olympic programs. Such claims may or may not be true—the promoter might simply use some of your money to buy tickets so that he can see the games himself.

You can expect to find the ever-present, official-sounding ads offering to sell sets consisting of one official U.S. Olympic coin and two or three privately minted issues. You might also see miniature replicas of the U.S. \$5 gold commemorative, probably mounted in a gold-plated bezel and accompanied by a chain. Naturally, you are bound to hear of genuine pieces offered at double the going market price to cover the cost of national advertising. Amid this array of

gimmicks, however, are true commemorative coins produced by the governments of Korea, Canada, the United States and possibly other countries. Some medals may be sanctioned by the Olympic Committee.

If your motive for purchasing any commemorative piece centers on potential profit, you would do well to remember that such items, especially medals, experience their greatest demand (and value) at the time of the event and often are worth less than the purchase price once the occasion has passed. Anyone intent on investing in gold or silver should buy at the lowest price possible, which, in the case of bullion coins produced by the U.S. Mint, is just a fraction over spot price. These bullion coins have an assured liquidity and a chance of being a profitable investment because of the low

margin of profit or commission built into the initial cost.

File #170

As a last attempt to celebrate the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, a "limited edition" set of two commemorative medals is being offered in a national campaign by the Constitution Commemorative Guild. The medals, as illustrated in the newspaper advertisement, are very attractive and are packaged in a handsome presentation case. If I collected such things, I probably would find the design of these medals very appealing and would willingly pay the asking price.

However, the promoter does not even mention the artist or the medals' modernistic designs, and very little is said about the event the medals commemorate. Instead, all of the hard-sell



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Equally worthless is the numbered certificate of authenticity that is permanently registered in the Guild's archives. Does anyone actually believe that such archives exist and that they will be maintained after the Constitu-

tion celebration just to look after the buyers of these commemoratives? I also object to the advertisement's use of the term "Silver Eagle," as it should apply exclusively to the U.S. Mint's \$1 bullion coins.

At \$25 per set, plus postage and handling, these medals are a little too overpriced to suit me, even though I do like the design. The hype, too, turns me off, and I really cannot believe they will increase in value like Morgan and Peace dollars, as the ad implies. At least the firm offers a money-back guarantee if customers are not satisfied with the merchandise.

File #171

Did you know that there are only 10 platinum mines in the world? I didn't, but then I guess I just didn't care until someone sent me a flyer

that alerted me to this startling fact. The limited number of mines seems to have something to do with the scarcity of platinum as a commodity. It seems that the price of platinum is bound to go up sharply in the near future—if these facts are accurate.

This all made good sense to me until I read further and found that what this company was promoting was an opportunity for me to invest in an exploration project to find additional platinum mines.

If there are only 10 such mines now, it sure seems doubtful that this company will discover a new one, even using all of their money plus mine. Perhaps this will turn out to be the investment of a lifetime, but I am going to pass it up. The possibility of investing just in platinum holds more appeal for me. •

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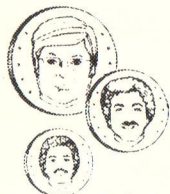
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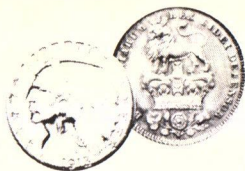
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ity of its type in the country and a leader in preserving, stabilizing and restoring materials of all kinds. The Center works primarily for museums throughout the West—in particular, the institutions comprising the Consortium, which acts as the organization's governing body. It strives to educate the public at large, as well as those directly responsible for art works, about the particular concerns of conservation.

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Library Expands Research Services

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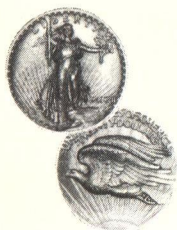
ized by the ANA Board of Governors at a meeting held in August 1987, comprehensive numismatic research for members and other numismatists may be undertaken by librarians at a rate of \$25 per hour (with a minimum charge of \$25). Research can utilize any or all ANA resources, including the ANA Museum collections.

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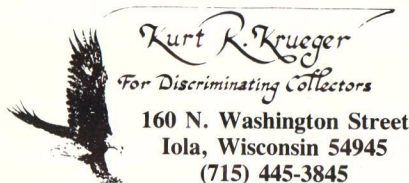
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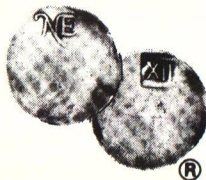
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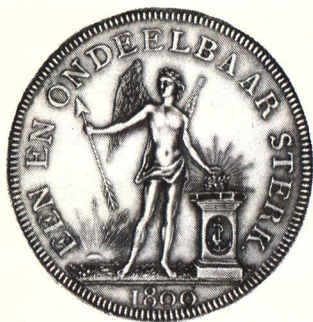
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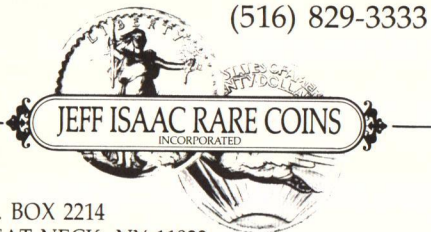
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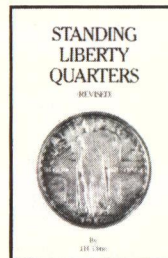
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9-10 LANCASTER, PA. Farm & Home Center, Arcadia Rd. (Rt. 72, near Rt. 30). Lancaster Pennsylvania Coin Show sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Numismatic Association. Anthony Almond Sr., 501 High St., Apt. 910, Pottstown, PA 19464.

9-10 PARKERSBURG, WV. Holiday Inn, Rt. 50 & I-77. Parkersburg Coin & Stamp Show held by the Parkersburg Coin Club. Tim Miller, 4216 Jefferson St., Parkersburg, WV 26104.

16 WORCESTER, MA. People's Church Hall, 25 Francis St. "Coinarama" coin show sponsored by the Worcester County Numismatic Society. Arthur J.

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17 PORTSMOUTH, RI. Ramada Inn, 144 Anthony Rd. Coin & Hobby Show conducted by the Newport County Coin Club. Pete Bishal, P.O. Box 121, Westport, MA 02790.

17 PRESQUE ISLE, ME. Keddy's Motor Inn, Rt. 1. Annual Spring Coin Show presented by the Caribou Coin Club. Harold R. Drost, 62 Canterbury St., Presque Isle, ME 04769.

17 SYRACUSE, NY. Ramada Inn, 1305 Buckley Rd. Coin Show hosted by the Onondaga Numismatic Association. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Cir. W., Clay, NY 13041.

24 BRIDGEPORT, WV. Holiday Inn, Holiday Plaza, U.S. Rt. 50 & I-79. Annual Spring Coin Show held by the Stonewall Jackson Coin Club. George R. Hohmann, 1006 Indiana Ave., Fairmont, WV 26554.

24 NEW EGYPT, NJ. American Legion Post, Meadowbrook Ln. 11th Annual Coin Show & Sale of the New Egypt Coin Club. Douglas Tilghman, P.O. Box 64, New Egypt, NJ 08533.

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13-15 BUFFALO, NY. Buffalo Convention Center, Convention Center Plaza. 4th Annual Spring Coin, Stamp & Jewelry Show presented by the Greater Buffalo Coin Dealers' Association. Dell Reitz, 2197 Broadway St., Buffalo, NY 14212.

15 SYRACUSE, NY. Ramada Inn, 1305 Buckley Rd. Coin Show conducted by the Onondaga Numismatic Association. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Cir. W., Clay, NY 13041.

JUNE

4-5 CUMBERLAND, MD. LaVale

Fire Hall, 423 National Hwy. (U.S. Rt. 40, 3 mi. west of Cumberland). Coin Show presented by the Western Maryland Coin Club. George Waingold, 1260 Vocke Rd., LaVale, MD 21502-7548.

10-12 BALTIMORE, MD. Baltimore Convention Center, Festival Hall, Camden & Howard Sts. 16th Annual Maryland State Numismatic Association Convention and Coin Show. MSNA, P.O. Box 136, Hampstead, MD 21074.

12 DANBURY, CT. Danbury Hilton, 18 Old Ridgebury Rd. (Exit 2, I-84). Coin Show hosted by the Danbury Coin Club. Don Ellis, P.O. Box 8200, New Fairfield, CT 06812.

24-26 CHERRY HILL, NJ. Cherry Hill Hyatt, Rt. 70 & Cuthbert Blvd. 13th Annual Convention sponsored by the Garden State Numismatic Association. Jerry Zara, P.O. Box 248, Bricktown, NJ 08723.

26 SYRACUSE, NY. Ramada Inn, 1305 Buckley Rd. Coin Show conducted by the Onondaga Numismatic Association. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Cir. W., Clay, NY 13041.

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8-10 NEW CARROLLTON, MD. Sheraton Hotel. 23rd Annual Coin Show presented by the Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association. Frank Palumbo, 4535 Brandywine St. N.W., Washington, DC 20016.

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29-31 ROANOKE, VA. Roanoke Civic Center, Williamson Rd. Roanoke Coin Show sponsored by the Roanoke Valley Coin Club. Julian C. Repass, 2817 Oakland Blvd., Roanoke, VA 24012.

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8-10 WILMINGTON, NC. Elks Lodge, 5102 Oleander Dr. Annual Azalea Festival Coin Show held by the Lower Cape Fear Coin Club. O.T. Thompson, P.O. Box 4232, Wilmington, NC 28406.

23-24 WEST PALM BEACH, FL. St. Mary's Orthodox Church Meeting Hall, 1317 Florida Mango Rd. 12th Annual Greater Palm Beaches Coin Show sponsored by the West Palm Beach Coin Club. Randy Campbell, 2550 Okeechobee Blvd., Suite "D," West Palm Beach, FL 33409.

30-MAY 1 MEMPHIS, TN. Holiday Inn East, 5795 Poplar Ave. & I-240. Spring Coin Show presented by the White-

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24-26 MEMPHIS, TN. Cook Convention Center, 255 N. Main St. 12th Annual International Paper Money Show sponsored by the Memphis Coin Club. Mike Crabb, Box 17871, Memphis, TN 38187-0871.

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15-17 BIRMINGHAM, AL. Birmingham/Jefferson Civic Center, 9th Ave.

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7-10 INDIANAPOLIS, IN. Indiana Convention Center (next to Hoosier Dome). 1988 Central States Convention hosted by the Central States Numismatic

Society. Jerry Lebo, P.O. Box 44337, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

9 KALAMAZOO, MI. Kalamazoo County Center Bldg., 2900 Lake St. Spring Coin Show conducted by the Kalamazoo Numismatic Club. Russ Barr, P.O. Box 462, Portage, MI 49081.

10 CLEVELAND, OH. Holiday Inn/Rockside, 6001 Rockside Rd. (Independence & I-77). 23rd Annual Coin Show presented by the North Coast Coin Club. Ron Nelson, P.O. Box 314, Novelty, OH 44072.

10 OWATONNA, MN. Western Inn. Owatonna Coin & Stamp Club Show. Bud Baldus, 231 E. Park St., Owatonna, MN 55060.

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16-17 LOUISVILLE, KY. Best Western Mid-town Motel, 200 E. Liberty St. 25th Annual Spring Show of the Falls Cities Coin Club. Delbert Schwartz, 1127 Greenaway Pl., New Albany, IN 47150.

17 FREMONT, NE. Holiday Lodge, E. Hwy. 30. 29th Annual Coin Show hosted by the Fremont Coin Club. Ed Bishop, 2016 E. 19th, Fremont, NE 68025.

22-24 MILWAUKEE, WI. MECCA Convention Center, 4th St. & Kilbourne Ave. South Shore Coin Club's 25th Anniversary Coin Show. Robert Krueger, 3058 S. 13th St., Milwaukee, WI 53215.

24 ITASCA, IL. Holiday Inn, 860 Irving Park Rd. 7th Annual Coin Show of

the Schaumburg Numismatic Society. Dave Carpenter, P.O. Box 68246, Schaumburg, IL 60168.

29-MAY 1 KANSAS CITY, KS. Constitution Convention Center, 5th & Minnesota Ave. Kansas Numismatic Association 5th Annual Coin Convention. Russell Millsap, 10200 Independence Ave., Independence, MO 64053.

29-MAY 1 RACINE, WI. Racine Convention Center, 5th St. Numismatists of Wisconsin 28th Anniversary Convention hosted by the Racine Numismatic Society. Jerry Binsfeld, P.O. Box 191, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158.

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1 DEFIANCE, OH. K. of C. Hall. 23rd Annual Coin Show presented by the De-

fiance Coin Club. R. Tobias, 328 Biede, Defiance, OH 43512.

7-8 SCOTTSBLUFF, NE. Scottsbluff Inn, 1901 21st Ave. Nebraska Numismatic Association 33rd Annual Coin Show & Convention hosted by the Oregon Trail Coin Club. Elmer G. Nelson, Box 683, Sutherland, NE 69165.

8 ROYAL OAK, MI. American Legion Hall, Frank Wentland Post, 1815 Rochester Rd. (12 Mile & Rochester Rds.). Royal Oak Coin Club Show & Bourse. Jay Koprinke, P.O. Box 445, Royal Oak, MI 48068.

22 CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL. Chicago Heights Park District Bldg., U.S. 30 & Chicago Rd. (U.S. 1). Annual Stamp & Coin Show held by the Sauk Trail Coin Club. Secretary, c/o STCC, Box 242, Olympia Fields, IL 60461-0242.

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5 ROCKFORD, IL. Rockford Motor Inn Hotel, 7550 E. State St. 63rd Semi-Annual Coin Show of the Rockford Area Coin Club. Ralph Winkist, 1004 "C" St., Rockford, IL 61108.

10-12 INDIANAPOLIS, IN. Indiana Convention Center. 30th Annual Convention of the Indiana State Numismatic Association. Jerry Lebo, P.O. Box 44337, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

11 LUDINGTON, MI. Mason County Fairgrounds, U.S. 10 & 31. Ludington Coin Club Coin & Stamp Show. Gary Wilder, 906 N. Gaylord Ave., Ludington, MI 49431.

JULY

16-17 SPRINGFIELD, IL. Sheraton

Inn, Territorial Ballroom, 3090 Adlai Stevenson Dr. 39th Annual "Land of Lincoln" Coin Show held by the Central Illinois Numismatic Association. Steve Butler, 1712 S. First St., Springfield, IL 62704.

WEST

APRIL

10 SCOTTSDALE, AZ. Knights of Columbus Hall, 4208 N. 82nd St. Scottsdale Monthly Coin Bourse conducted by the Camelback Collectibles Club. Bob Phelan, P.O. Box 15005, Phoenix, AZ 85060.

24 RENO, NV. Peppermill Inn, 2707 S. Virginia St. Fourth Annual Coin Show hosted by the Reno Coin Club. Jim Melick, P.O. Box 50045, Reno, NV 89513.

24 VALLEJO, CA. Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne

St. "Sweet 16" Coin Show sponsored by the Vallejo Numismatic Society. Stan Tur-rini, c/o VNS, P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo, CA 94590.

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8 SCOTTSDALE, AZ. Knights of Columbus Hall, 4208 N. 82nd St. Scottsdale Monthly Coin Bourse sponsored by the Camelback Collectibles Club. Bob Phelan, P.O. Box 15005, Phoenix, AZ 85060.

15 COVINA, CA. Joslyn Center, 815 N. Barranca. 27th Annual Coin-O-Rama hosted by the Covina Coin Club. Chuck Ham, P.O. Box 3452, San Dimas, CA 91773.

20-22 SAN JOSE, CA. San Jose Convention Center, Market St. & Park Ave. 82nd Semi-Annual Convention of the California State Numismatic Association.

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27-29 LOS ANGELES, CA. Los Angeles Airport Hilton Hotel. Silver Anniversary Convention of the Convention of International Numismatics held by the Society for International Numismatics. Phil Parks, 11596 Bart, Garden Grove, CA 92641.

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12 SCOTTSDALE, AZ. Knights of Columbus Hall, 4208 N. 82nd St. Scottsdale Monthly Coin Bourse presented by the Camelback Collectibles Club. Bob Phelan, P.O. Box 15005, Phoenix, AZ 85060.

25-26 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO. Shrine Hall, 33rd St. & W. Pikes Peak Ave. Coin Show co-hosted by the Colorado Springs Numismatic Society and the Colorado Springs Coin Club. Allen E. Nye,

P.O. Box 25205, Colorado Springs, CO 80936.

25-26 SALT LAKE CITY, UT. Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, 122 W. South Temple. 4th Annual Salt Lake City Coin & Token Show held by the National Utah Token Society. Bob Campbell, 1123 E. 2100 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84106.

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10 SCOTTSDALE, AZ. Knights of Columbus Hall, 4208 N. 82nd St. Scottsdale Monthly Coin Bourse sponsored by the Camelback Collectibles Club. Bob Phelan, P.O. Box 15005, Phoenix, AZ 85060.

FOREIGN

APRIL

9-10 ABBOTSFORD, BRITISH

COLUMBIA, CANADA. McCallum Activity Center, 2478 McCallum Rd. Annual Coin & Stamp Show presented by the Fraser Valley Coin Club. Pete Sweeten, P.O. Box 13, Abbotsford, British Columbia V2S 4N7, Canada.

22-24 CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA. Carriage House Inn, 9030 MacLeod Tr. S. Annual Coin Show of the Calgary Numismatic Society. Bernie Walker, c/o CNS, Box 633, Calgary, Alberta T2P 2J3, Canada.

JUNE

4 HEIDELBERG, WEST GERMANY. Grade School in Patrick Henry Village, Autobahn exit Schwetzingen. Heidelberg Coin & Stamp Show hosted by the Heidelberg Coin & Stamp Club. Harley G. Miller, Im Kreuz 18, 6927 Wollenberg, West Germany.

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JULY

19-23 CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, CANADA. Prince Edward Hotel. Canadian Numismatic Association Convention. Brian MacKenzie, c/o PEINA, P.O. Box 2921, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island C1A 8C5, Canada.

ANA EVENTS

APRIL

15-17 PORTLAND, OR. Portland Marriott. ANA Seminars on U.S. Coin Grading. Judy Padgett, Seminar Coordinator, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279.

17-23 National Coin Week, "Windows on the World." Nancy Green, NCW

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14-16 CHICAGO, IL. Hyatt Regency Chicago. ANA Seminars on U.S. Coin Grading. Judy Padgett, Seminar Coordinator, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279.

JUNE

26-JULY 2 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO. The Colorado College. 20th Annual Summer Seminar. Judy Padgett, Seminar Coordinator, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279.

JULY

20-24 CINCINNATI, OH. Cincinnati Convention Center/Clarion Hotel.

97th Anniversary Convention. Bruce Stowe, General Chairman, 9093 Cherry Blossom Ln., Cincinnati, OH 45231. Auction by Heritage Numismatic Auctions, Inc., Heritage Bldg., 311 Market St., Dallas, TX 75202.

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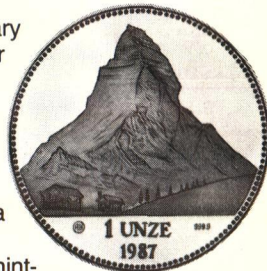


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Cupertino Coin Club (C-70891)

Commemorative Medal Offered

California's Cupertino Coin Club issued a copper medal in honor of its 18th annual coin show held February 27-28, 1988, at the Campus Center of De Anza College. Adopted as the CCC logo, a portrait of Juan Bautista de Anza, the Spanish colonial administrator and explorer for whom the college is named, appears on the medal's



To commemorate its 18th annual coin show, the Cupertino Coin Club issued an attractive medal, depicting on its obverse 18th-century conquistador Juan Bautista de Anza, whose portrait has been adopted as the club's logo.

obverse. The reverse is dominated by a depiction of an 18th-century ship, with an inscription denoting the name, date and site of the 1988 coin show.

The medal is priced at \$3.50 post-paid and can be ordered from the Cupertino Coin Club at P.O. Box 1189, Cupertino, CA 95014. Also

available are some past CCC medals.

The club meets the first Friday of each month at 7:45 p.m. at Lincoln Elementary School on McClellan Road in Cupertino. Those interested in learning more about the Cupertino Coin Club may write to the club at the above address.

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Central States Numismatic Society (C-14500)

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The CSNS Board selected Rosemont, in suburban Chicago, as the site for its 1993 spring convention, but is still considering recommendations

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Vallejo Numismatic Society (C-55368)

April Show in Northern California

The Vallejo Numismatic Society will host its 16th annual coin show, appropriately named "Sweet 16," on Sunday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Dan Foley Cultural Center in Dan Foley Park on Tuolumne Street in Vallejo. Admission is free, and free parking is available nearby.

Promoted as "the liveliest coin show in Northern California," Sweet 16 will offer more than 40 bourse tables, exhibits, educational programs, a youth table, and free woods and numismatic publications. A drawing will be held for 16 separate prizes, all gold coins, comprised of one each of 1986 United States proof 1-, 1/2-, 1/4- and 1/10-ounce

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For more information about the Vallejo Numismatic Society's "Sweet 16" show, call 707/642-9396 or 707/552-2707. Information about the VNS can be obtained by writing to the Society at P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo, CA 94590.

CONECA (C-124428)

Full-Step Jefferson Nickel Club Approved

Late last year the board of the Combined Organizations of Numismatic Error Collectors of America (CONECA) approved formation of a club-within-a-club dedicated to the study of the

"full-step" Jefferson nickel and its varieties. This new CONECA subdivision is actually the incorporation of a defunct club called the PAK Jefferson Full-Step Nickel Club, which was concerned with the full-step Jefferson nickel and was closely aligned with error collectibles.

Another club within CONECA is the Doubled Die Club, formed several years ago to provide collectors of doubled-die coins a means by which to share knowledge and new findings. The DDC publishes its own newsletter and has recruited more members to CONECA than any other single source. Although presently experiencing some difficulties, the DDC expects to remain active, supported primarily by members' continued interest. Those desiring more information about the Doubled Die Club can contact Lou

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Peninsula Coin Club (C-126142)

Early Palo Alto Marked

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Eastman Stamp and Coin Club (C-76034)

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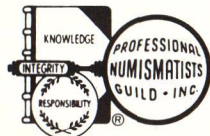
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Zimmerman is remembered as a great living resource who could recount from memory much of the local history of coin collecting, and especially enjoyed doing so for the benefit of youngsters. Ralph R. Muller, past president of the Utah Numismatic Society, once said of him, "It is no exaggeration to say that Cliff Zimmerman is an institution in coins in Utah. . ."

On October 27, 1984, at the 21st convention of the UNS, Clifford Mishler, *Numismatic News* publisher, named

Zimmerman a Numismatic Ambassador. Utah Governor Scott Matheson proclaimed that date as Clifford J. Zimmerman Day in recognition of his contributions to stamp and coin collecting.

A founding member of the UNS, Zimmerman was a long-time member of the ANA, having received his 50-year membership award in 1982. He also was a member of the Salt Lake Lions Club.

Zimmerman was preceded in death by his wife, Dewetta, in 1972; he is survived by his 2 sons; a sister, Reva Geller of Florence, Oregon; 7 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

CLARENCE G. GOULD—LM 558

Clarence G. Gould passed away on January 14, at his home near Holden, Missouri, at the age of 59.

Gould was a founder and life member of the Midwest Numismatic Association, a member of the Heart of America Numismatic Association, and a life member of the ANA. He would have received his 25-year membership award at the ANA's 97th anniversary convention this year.

An electrician for 35 years, Gould was a member of Local 124 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and for the past 15 years a farmer. He also was a veteran of the United States Army.

Gould is survived by his wife, Margaret; a daughter, Donna Kay Wright of Grandview, Missouri; a son, Clarence Russell Gould of Raytown, Missouri; a father and stepmother, Clarence and Rose Gould, and a half brother, Tom Gould, all of Golden, Colorado; and two granddaughters. •

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Unnatural Luster Typifies Counterfeit Vatican City 100 Lire

THE SUBJECT of this month's ANACS report is a counterfeit 1929 Vatican City gold 100 lire. The piece exhibits characteristics typical of many spurious coins, in particular a soft strike and unnatural luster.

The most easily detected diagnostics of this counterfeit are repeating depressions throughout the lettering on both the obverse and reverse and in Christ's halo. Lines of raised metal also run through the lettering, denomination and date.

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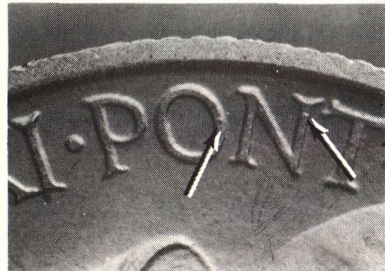
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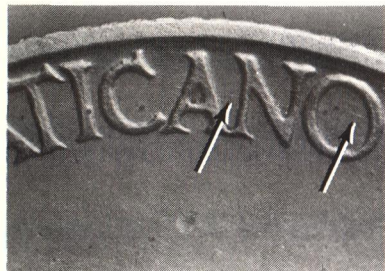
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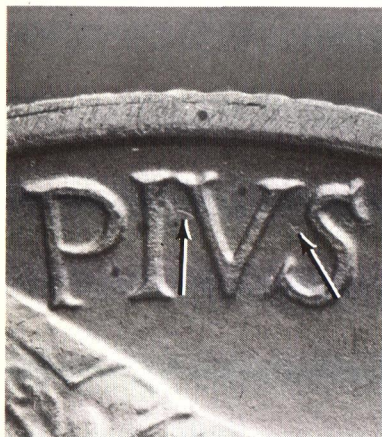


Raised lines of metal run through AN and O of VATICANO.



A linear depression extends through the T of CITTA and into the halo. Light depressions also are apparent on the halo itself.

Linear and circular depressions are evident around PIVS. Note the counterfeit's granular surface.



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15-17 PORTLAND, OR. Portland Marriott. ANA Seminars on U.S. Coin Grading. Judy Padgett, Seminar Coordinator, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279.

MAY

12-14 ST. LOUIS, MO. Cervantes Convention Center. Grading & authentication seminars & ANACS booth, St. Louis Numismatic & Philatelic Exposition. John Highfill, P.O. Box 142, Broken Arrow, OK 74013.

14-16 CHICAGO, IL. Hyatt Regency Chicago. ANA Seminars on U.S. Coin Grading. Judy Padgett, Seminar Coordinator, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279.

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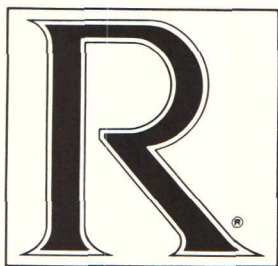
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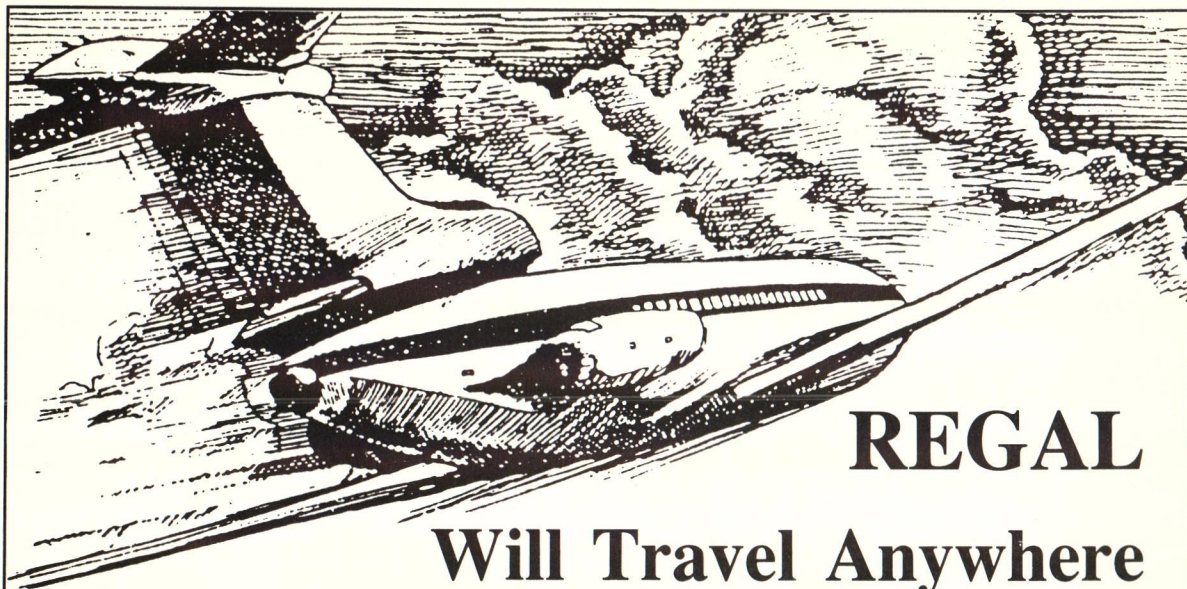
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Numismatic Fine Arts, Inc.	655	SilverTowne	733	Witter Coins	755
Numismatic Guaranty Corp. of America	672-73	Simkin, Paul H.	753	Wolfe, C.H.	743
Numismatic Guild, The	621	Simmons & Simmons Numismatists	745	Wolfe, Keith	752
Numismatic Investments of Florida	608	Sloat, Sam, Coins, Inc.	746	World-Wide Coin Investments, Inc.	744
				Wrubel, Gordon J., Rare Coin Investments, Inc.	735
				Youngerman, William, Inc.	709

The Silly Season Is upon Us

SPRING SOMETIMES IS accurately described as the "silly season." The weather gets better, folks fall in love for the first or twenty-third time, and a bunch of collectors prance around the bourse floor of the Central States Numismatic Society Convention grinning from ear to ear while holding handfuls of newly acquired numismatic specimens.

This year an elderly widow and widower didn't wait for Spring to begin their silly season. In the village of Lentini in Eastern Sicily, 77-year-old Guiseppe Scandurra recently told reporters she had "run away from home" because her children opposed her planned marriage to 90-year-old Alfio Fiamma. She moved into her fiancé's home after her grown children said they objected to the marriage "on moral grounds." The groom is quoted as saying, "Everyone is invited to the wedding, but don't expect too much to eat because the doctors have put us on a diet."

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THE PEOPLE PUSHING for new coin designs might want to consider portraying not just any ol' eagle, but rather a particular bird that recently made history. Wildlife rangers in Castleisland, Ireland, found an American bald eagle that apparently became lost and flew 3,000 miles across the Atlantic Ocean with the help of strong westerly winds. The bird, the first of its kind captured in Europe, was exhausted and emaciated when discovered, but recovered on a diet of venison and pigeons.

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A MAGAZINE CALLED *Successful Meetings* suggests there is a new disease afflicting Americans—"affluenza." Yes,

it affects "yuppies," and its symptoms include "aches and pains in the presence of anything American-made or



reasonably priced, an uncontrollable urge to slip behind the wheel of a BMW car, and a non-negotiable desire to hire a maid from abroad." Writer Mauri Edwards notes that victims of affluenza "find nothing is too rich for their blood." The magazine indicated there is no known cure; however, the story was written before Wall Street's "Black Monday," so a cure may have been discovered on or about this past October 19.

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THE PEOPLE'S DAILY newspaper ran a story claiming that some Chinese families are spending as much as 10 years' worth of wages on weddings for their children. In the City of Wuhan in Central China, the average cost of a wedding was reported to be \$2,250—the equivalent of 10 years' pay for industrial workers. The newspaper indicated that the families feel compelled to have lavish weddings "mainly because they fear they'll lose face if they don't."

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CITY OFFICIALS IN Fort Collins, Colorado—not all that far from ANA headquarters—lost face when they found just how the cookie crumbles. The city had planned to collect a nickel sales tax on every box of Girl Scout

cookies sold there this year. (The Industry Council for Tangible Assets, which vigorously fights imposition of sales taxes on numismatic and bullion items, did not engage in this particular battle.) However, the Fort Collins fathers heard from their daughters, and from plenty of other people around the country who wrote angry letters about the cookie tax.

Fort Collins Mayor Larry Estrada finally announced the city would exempt Girl Scouts from the sales tax. He explained, "My son is tired of being called a son of a grinch!"

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A FINAL SALUTE to the beginning of "silly season" comes from Thybor-den, Denmark, where an unidentified young man spent three hours trapped in the porthole of a fishing boat. He had bet a friend he could climb through it. Needless to say, he lost the bet. Rescuers sawed away a portion of the boat's side (I don't know if it was port or starboard) and then transported the sailor, still encircled by the metal porthole, to the hospital. Once there, he was packed in asbestos material, and a blowtorch was used to cut him free.

Are blowtorches considered standard equipment in most emergency rooms? Perhaps only if your patient is a "great Dane."



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Alabama 2x2	650	1050	Write	1934-D Oregon	395	495	Write
Albany	595	795	1450	1936 Oregon	350	475	Write
Antietam	875	975	1750	1936-S Oregon	475	585	Write
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1936-PDS Ark. Set	575	795	Write	1938-PDS Oregon	Write	Write	Write
1937-PDS Ark. Set	595	875	Write	1939-PDS Oregon	Write	Write	Wanted
1938-PDS Ark. Set	895	1450	Write	Oregon Type	250	335	Write
1939-PDS Ark. Set	-	2750	Write	Panama-Pacific	1150	1350	Write
Arkansas Type	195	295	Write	1920 Pilgrim	250	375	Write
Bay Bridge	250	450	950	1921 Pilgrim	450	595	Write
1934 Boone	350	-	Wanted	Rhode Island-PDS Set	675	975	Write
1935/34-PDS Boone Set	2750	-	-	Rhode Island Type	225	325	Write
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1936-PDS Boone Set	750	1150	Write	Robinson	225	325	Write
1937-PDS Boone Set	-	2250	2900	1935-S San Diego	195	395	Write
1938-PDS Boone Set	-	Write	Write	1936-D San Diego	275	495	750
Boone Type	250	290	Write	Sesquicentennial	195	395	Write
Bridgeport	350	575	Write	Spanish Trail	1295	1695	Write
				Stone Mountain	195	395	695
California D. J.	475	695	Write	1934 Texas	450	595	Write
Cincinnati-PDS Set	-	3750	Write	1935-PDS Texas	-	1600	Write
Cincinnati Type	695	1150	Write	1936-PDS Texas	1150	1400	Write
Cleveland	250	475	Write	1937-PDS Texas	1250	1500	Write
Columbia-PDS Set	1450	1750	Write	1938-PDS Texas	-	Write	Write
Columbia Type	475	650	Write	Texas Type	350	450	650
1892 Columbian	85	150	Write	Vancouver	650	875	Write
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Connecticut	575	775	Write				
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Elgin	550	750	Write	1947-PDS BTW Set	135	185	Write
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Missouri 2*4	975	1295	Write	York	550	750	950
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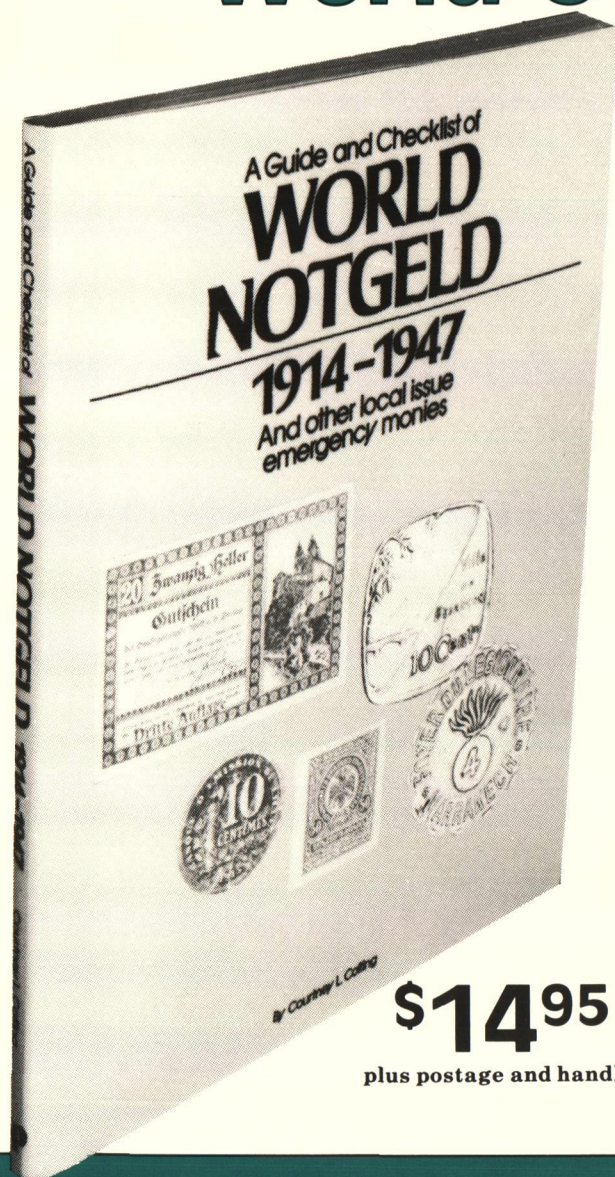
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